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ROLL OF HONOUR.
IN MEMORIAM.

HATCH—In loving memory of my dear son, Mark Pendrey, Captain, A.V.C., who passed home to God December 30th, 1922.
"Farewell! in hope, and love,
In faith, and peace, and prayer;
Till He whose home is ours above
Unite us there!"
Mother and Nancy.

BIRTH.

LAMONT—December 27, 1928, at Wellington Nursing Home, Wellington Park, Belfast, to Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lamont, of Ballymena, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BOLTON and SHERWOOD—December 6, 1928, at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, by the Rev. G. Frank Salmon, Desmond Parker Knight, second son of Captain S. H. Bolton (late R.A.S.C.) and Mrs. Bolton, 397 Antrim road, Belfast, to Gladys Ruth, younger daughter of Mr. J. D. Sherwood and the late Mrs. Clara M. Sherwood, 188 Stanley avenue, Ottawa.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ADYE-CURRAN—December 28, 1928, at the residence of his father, Esker House, Upper Rathmines, Stafford Mary Adye-Curran, Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C. (retired). Deeply regretted by his wife and family. R.I.P. Funeral (private), after 9 o'clock Mass, Rathgar, this (Monday) morning.

BOGUE—December 27, 1928, at 1 Widcombe Crescent, Bath, Marion, second daughter of the late James Bogue, of Cork, aged 84. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord," 2nd Cor. v. 8.

BURKE—December 29, 1928, Peter Burke, 94 Ranelagh road, late Hall Porter Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul. Deeply regretted. May he rest in peace. Funeral this (Monday) morning from Westland Row R.C. Church, after 10 o'clock Mass.

DOUGHERTY—December 26, 1928, Ellen, dearly-beloved wife of Robert Dougherty, Coolmoney, Dunlavin, County Wicklow, aged 43 years.

ELMES—December 20, 1928, Robert Henry Elmes, of 38 Kenilworth square, Dublin, aged 82 years.

GIBB—December 30, 1928, David Gibb, 73 Curzon street, Dublin, aged 73 years. "I am the Resurrection and the Life." Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday) morning, 9.30, Mount Jerome.

HAYES—December 30, 1928, at his residence, 25 Belgrave square, Rathmines, after brief illness, Charles L. Hayes (late of Jacobs), aged 54. Funeral (private) to Holywood, County Down, at 8 a.m. to-morrow (Tuesday).

HUBAND—December 19, 1928, at Boscombe, Caroline, only child of the late Arthur Huband, Lieutenant, R.N., in her 77th year.

KEILY—December 30, 1928, at her residence, 6 Grove Park, Rathmines, Dublin, Mary, beloved wife of John Keily, aged 47. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing husband and son. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

MacDONNELL—December 28, 1928, at a Private Nursing Home, Rev. Joseph MacDonnell, S.J., Belvedere College. R.I.P. Office and Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner street, this (Monday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to Glasnevin.

McDONNELL—December 29, 1928, at her residence, Monavert, Cushendall, County Antrim, Barbara Montgomery McDonnell, youngest daughter of the late Dr. John McDonnell, Dublin, in her 81st year. Funeral to-morrow (Tuesday), 1 p.m., from Monavert to Cushendall Churchyard.

McDONNEL—December 29, 1928, at 57 Merrion square, Richard John, last surviving son of the late Sir Edward McDonnel, aged 85 years. R.I.P. Funeral private.

OULTON—December 30, 1928, at his residence, 19 Upper Mount street, Dublin, George Nugent Oulton, K.C., second son of the late Rev. Richard Oulton, Rector of Keady, County Armagh, in his 81st year. Funeral service at St. Stephen's Church to-morrow (Tuesday) morning at 9.30. Interment at Mount Jerome at 10.15 a.m. No flowers.

RATTRAY—December 29, 1928, at Gort, Ballyheigue, County Kerry, after a brief illness, Agnes Irvine, dearly-beloved wife of Victor E. Rattray. "Peace, perfect peace." Funeral leaves for Listowel Cemetery this day (Monday) at 12 noon.

SHERIDAN—December 29, 1928, at the residence of her father, Delia Josephine, N.T., Kilmoree School, daughter of James Sheridan, 3 Chapel street, Sligo, and Castlerea. Deeply regretted by her father, sisters, brother-in-law, and nieces. R.I.P. Requiem Mass at Sligo Cathedral to-day (Monday), 31st, at 11 o'clock a.m. Funeral immediately afterwards to Castlerea Cemetery, by motor-hearse (*via* Boyle and Frenchpark).

IN MEMORIAM.

BRIMAGE—In loving memory of darling mother.
"Hush, be every murmur dumb,
It is only till He come."

DALY—In loving memory of mother, died at Haslebrook December 30th, 1916. Gone, but not forgotten by Agnes and Daphne.

DONALDSON—Second Anniversary—In fond remembrance of my dear Jennie, who was called Home on the 30th December, 1926. "Memory is the only friend that grief can call its own." Inserted by her loving mother.

DUDGEON—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Dudgeon, who died at his residence, 37a Lower Beechwood avenue, on the 30th December, 1917. "Peace, perfect peace."

ERSKINE—In sad and affectionate memory of William James Erskine, who was called Home on 31st December, 1923. "Thy will be done." Inserted by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren.

HOWARD—In loving memory of my dear husband, Richard, who fell asleep 31st December, 1925. "For, as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."

RICE—In loving memory of John Herman (Bubbles), darling son of J. H. Rice and Mrs. Rice, 8 Templemore avenue, Rathgar, who died December 30th, 1921, aged 4 years.

SHAW—Fourth Anniversary—In affectionate remembrance of a loving husband and father, Albert Shaw, late of Rath Lodge, Abbeyshrule, called to rest December 31st, 1924. Ever remembered by his loving wife and children. "For ever with the Lord."

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Ladies' 2-dome Wash Leather Gloves, wool lined, Putty shade. Former price, 6/11 pair. Sale Price ... 5/6
Ladies' Tan Nappa Gloves, unlined. Special. Sale Price ... 3/6
Ladies' Natural Fur Back Gloves. Usual price, 12/6. Sale Price ... 8/11
Ladies' Brown and Slate Fur Top and Fur-lined Gloves. Were 21/- pair. Sale Price ... 15/11

OVERALLS, SCARVES, etc.
Ladies' Fancy Overalls, tie sides. Former prices, 2/3 and 2/6. Sale Price ... 1/6½
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Chenille Covers. Size 2 x 3. Former price, 57/6. Sale Price ... 43/6
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Jaspe Bedspreads, single bed size. Sale Prices, 9/6, 7/6, 6/11 and ... 5/6
Jaspe Bedspreads, double bed size. Sale Prices, 9/6 and ... 7/9
Jaspe Bedspreads, double bed size (embroidered). Sale Price ... 13/6
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Ladies' Fancy Beige Glace, 1-bar Shoes, full Louis heel. Formerly 27/6 pair. Sale Price ... 17/9
Ladies' Brown Willow Calf Shoes, 1-bar, medium heel. Were 25/-. Sale Price ... 15/6
Ladies' Patent Leather Shoes, 1-bar, medium heel. Were 25/- pair. Sale Price ... 15/6
Ladies' Tan Willow Calf Shoes, no caps, medium leather heels. Were 21/-. Sale Price ... 14/9
Ladies' Patent Leather Calf Shoes, no caps, square heels. Were 21/- pair. Sale Price ... 14/9
Ladies' Black Glace Shoes, no caps, square heels. Formerly 21/- pair. Sale Price ... 14/9
Ladies' Tan Willow Calf Shoes, no caps, square heels. Were 21/- pair. Sale Price ... 14/9
Ladies' Black Satin Evening Shoes. Former price 13/6 pair. Sale Price ... 9/11

LADIES' OUTFITTING
Ladies' Coloured Cami-Knickers, in Art Silk, Cotton and Stockinette. Usual prices up to 18/11. Sale Prices, 7/6, 4/6 and ... 2/-
A few Oddments in White Knickers and Chemises. Were 2/11 and 3/11 each. Sale Price ... 1/6
Ladies' Winceyette Pyjamas, various styles. Sale Price ... 10/11
[illegible] ... 1/11
Crepe Stockinette and Luvisca. Colours. [illegible] to 33/6. Price ... 15/11
[illegible] various. Price, 9/11. Sale Price ... 5/6
[illegible] assorted styles ... 7/6
Fancy Crepe [illegible] 14/6 to ... 4/6½
[illegible] ... 3/11
Petal Crepe—[illegible] "Viyella" Silk/Winceyette, [illegible] 12/11
[illegible] ... 18/11
Lot 3.—All very [illegible] Artificial [illegible], daintily trimmed. Were 32/- [illegible] Sale Price ... 24/9
Girls' Frocks, Navy [illegible] Serge, various sizes. Were 21/6 [illegible]. Now one price. Sale Price ... 15/-
Spurwood Knickers, wool, [illegible] and ribbed. In Black, Navy and [illegible]. Sale Prices (Outsize 10/3) ... 9/6
Ladies' Wool and Crepe [illegible] Were 9/11 to 21/-. Sale Price ... [illegible]

CORSET DEPT.
Annual Winter Sale of ROYAL WORCESTER Corsets and Corselettes. Latest types and favourite styles in Corsets and Foundation Garments, all regular Standard Models, at greatly reduced prices. Here are some examples:—
Model 812.—Average figures. Elastic top. Ordinary price, 6/9. Sale Price ... 5/11
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Model 405.—Average to full figures. Corselette. Ordinary Price, 10/6. Sale Price ... 8/6
Model 425.—Rayon Silk Girdle. Ordinary price, 12/-. Sale Price ... 9/9
Model 820.—Rayon Broche. Clasp-around. Ordinary price, 22/6. Sale Price ... 17/11
Model 547.—Full figure, back lacing. Ordinary price, 23/-. Sale Price ... 18/11
Oddments in ROYAL WORCESTER Corsets at sacrifice prices.
Lot 1.—Were up to 12/6. Sale Price ... 4/11
Lot 2.— " " 23/11. " " ... 6/11
Lot 3.— " " 45/11. " " ... 12/11
Oddments in ROYAL WORCESTER Corselettes.
Lot 1.—Were up to 4/11. Sale Price ... 1/11
Lot 2.— " " 9/11. " " ... 3/11

SILK DEPT.
Wonderful Bargains in this Department, of which the following 4 Lots are typical examples:—
Lot 1.—An Assortment of Check and Stripe Art Silks, 38" wide. Formerly 1/11 and 2/6 yard. Sale Price ... 1/-
Lot 2.—Assortment of Fancy Shantung, Washing Spun Silks, Tinsels, and plain and fancy Art Silks, 38" wide. Usually 3/11 and 4/6 yard. Sale Price ... 2/11
Lot 3.—Striped Japshan Bordered Silks and odd shades in Silk Marocain. Value for 5/11, 6/11 yard. Sale Price ... 3/11
Lot 4.—Macclesfield Crepe de Chine, in nice marl effects, also odd shades of Satin and plain and fancy Marocains. Were 7/6 and 8/11 yard. Clearing Sale Price ... 4/11
All Remnants will be displayed on our Silk counter, marked down to exceptionally low prices to clear.

DRESS MATERIALS
There are many really Big Bargains in Dress Materials, and many of the biggest are included in the 4 Special Group Lots as given below:—
Lot 1 is a nice assortment of Tweeds, in several very popular shades. 54" wide. Was 5/11 yard, upwards. Sale Price ... 4/6
Lot 2.—Better Quality Tweeds, in a good choice of smart designs and colourings. 54" wide. Former price, 7/6 yard. Sale Price ... 5/11
Lot 3 consists of many of the smartest patterns and shades in Rough Tweeds, including the very popular shades of Brown. 56" wide. Was 8/11 yard. Sale Price ... 6/11
Lot 4.—A group of lovely Tweeds of excellent quality. 56" wide. Former price, 10/6 yard. Sale Price ... 7/11
All Remnants and Oddments, which will be shown on Special Tables, will be marked down regardless of cost price. Do not miss these Big Bargains.

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Ladies' Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs. Sale Price, dozen ... 6/6
Green, Brown, China. Sale Price, each, 2D.

NO GOODS EXCHANGED OR ON APPROVAL DURING THE SALE

A FEW OF THE BIG BARGAINS FOR MEN & BOYS

GLOVE DEPT.
Men's 1-Dome Tan Leather Wool-lined Gloves. Former price, 6/11 pair. Sale Price ... 4/11
Men's Tan Leather, lined Fur Wrist Gloves. Were 8/11. Sale Price ... 6/11
Men's Tan and Slate Doeskin Gloves, fur-lined. Usual price, 16/11 pair. Sale Price ... 12/11
Men's Fur-back Gloves. Usually 29/6 to 35/- pair. Only a few pairs left. All clearing at, Sale Price ... 15/11
Men's Knitted Wool Gloves. Former price, 2/11. Sale Price ... 1/11
Many Wonderful Bargains in Odd Lots of Gloves, both Men's and Women's, including Fur-backs, Fur-lined, etc., marked down to very low prices to clear. See them in the bargain boxes on counters.

HOSIERY DEPT.
Boys' Jerseys, assorted colours, sizes 2-7. Former prices, 4/11 to 7/11. Sale Price ... 2/6
Men's All-Wool Pullovers, in all leading shades. Were 19/6 to 25/6. Sale Price ... 15/-
Men's Lamb's Wool Shirts, all wool. To Clear. Sale Price ... 4/11
Men's All-Wool Heavy Cashmere Vests and Pants, Irish make. Worth 12/11 garment. Sale Price ... 7/11
Men's All-Wool Cashmere Hose, self colours; also assorted patterns. Formerly 3/6, 3/- pair. Sale Price ... 1/11
Men's Irish Knit Half Hose, Heather and Grey mixtures. Sale Price ... 1/11
Men's Fancy Marl Mixture Wool Half Hose. Sale Price ... 2/3
Men's Heavy Merino Vests or Pants. Worth 5/6 each. Sale Price ... 3/11

MEN'S CLOTHING DEPT.
36 Men's Super Grade Ready-to-Wear Suits, in Blues, Greys, Browns, and fancy mixtures. All sizes, 34 to 42. Former prices, £6 6/-, £5 15/-, £5 10/-. Now all at one very low price to clear. Sale Price ... 77/6
A few only left. Well made Suits. Former prices, 75/- and 80/-. Must be cleared. Sale Price ... 29/11
VERY SPECIAL.
50 Men's and Youths' Light weight Slip-on Pocket Macintoshes, in a serviceable Dark Fawn shade. Well worth 21/- each. Sale Price ... 10/6
Men's Heavy Grey Frieze Overcoats, fleece-lined, large sizes. Formerly 6 guineas. Sale Price ... 57/6
Men's Grey Frieze Overcoats, lined Tweed; in all sizes. Usual price, 75/-. Clearing at Sale Price ... 42/-
Brown Leather Coats, reduced from £5 15/- each to Sale Price ... 95/-
50 Men's All-Wool Pullovers and Cardigans, including many smart designs and shades. Former prices, 15/6, 16/6. Sale Price ... 12/11
A few only. Men's Lovat Double Breasted Overcoats. Were £6 10/-. Sale Price ... 77/6
Oddments in Men's Brown Double Breasted Overcoats. Reduced from 90/- to Sale Price ... 50/-
30 Men's Soft Felt Hats, in Greys and Fawns. Former prices, 25/-, 21/-, 18/6. Sale Price ... 12/6
30 Boys' All-Wool Overcoats, Double Breasted, in fancy mixtures of Greys and Browns. To fit ages 5 to 8. Were 30/-, 28/6, 36/6. Sale Price ... 19/11
13 Youths' Tweed Suits, in Greys and Browns. Fit ages 15 to 18. Former prices, 75/-, 70/-, 60/-. Sale Price ... 37/6
Oddments in Youths' Overcoats, dark shades only. Fit ages 16, 17. Were 52/6, 50/-. Sale Price ... 35/-

SHIRTS, PYJAMAS, etc.
Oddments in Men's Tunic Shirts, some with others without collars. Wonderful Value. Sale Price ... 3/11
Men's Tunic Shirts, with 2 collars, including Oxfords, Cambrics and French Prints. Ordinary Prices up to 9/11. Sale Price ... 5/9
Men's Flannel Shirts, light grounds, assorted stripes. Former Prices, 8/6 to 10/6 each. Sale Price ... 6/11
Men's Pyjamas, Horrockses' Wincette, in variety of block stripes. Sizes 38" to 44". Former Price, 7/11. Sale Price ... 5/11
Men's Woven Poplin Pyjamas, assorted all-over stripes. Former Price, 21/- pair. Sale Price ... 12/6
Men's All-Wool Flannel Pyjamas, assorted block and all-over stripes. Were 25/6 a suit. Sale Price ... 21/-
Men's White Tunic Shirts, sateen body, Luvisca front and cuffs, 1 collar. Specially reduced to Sale Price ... 4/11
Oddments in Irish Poplin Ties. Big variety of colours. Open ends. Were 3/11, 4/6. Sale Price ... 2/6
Oxford Style, were 2/6. Sale Price ... 1/6
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ADVANCES on Motor Bikes, Cars, Jewels.—Gorman, Pawnbroker, Winetavern street (opposite Four Courts); new garage. T

WANTED.
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ADVANCES on Endowment Policies, Deeds, War Loans, post-dated Cheques.—Elkinson, 48 Aungier street. 28 1

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POSITIONS VACANT.

A GOOD Cook Wanted (indoor) for Dublin hotel and restaurant; technical training preferred; salary £60. Also Kitchenmaid and Housemaid Wanted. Apply K 674, this office. 27 B

BOOKKEEPER Wanted for Restaurant, Girl, about 20. State previous experience and send copies of references and wages expected to K 651, this office. 27 B

COOK Wanted about the middle of January for a large commercial hotel in the Midlands; must be experienced and a good carver; age 35 to 40; kitchenmaid kept; wages £70 per year. Address, enclosing copies of reference, to "Z 732, Cook," this office. 30 C

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

FIRST class Chef seeks place, city, suburbs; well recommended.—K 708, this office. 28 A

HOTEL Manageress, thoroughly conversant catering, bar, books, cooking; would work up business.—K 700, this office. 28 C

HOTEL, Club, and Restaurant Proprietors are invited to 'phone 5036, or write Matron, Irish Times Servants' Registry, Dublin, when requiring Officials or Staff. 3 X

SINGLE Man, 25, abstainer, seeks work, washer up, anything, 12/- weekly; early riser.—K 806, this office. 29 B

YOUNG Waitress, disengaged, experienced; city, suburbs; good references.—K 799, this office.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, Friday 21st, in a Dublin restaurant, three Rings; liberal reward. Apply Moreen, Dundrum. 27 A

LOST, a Black Mare and Jennet.—W. Cosgrave, Windy Arbour, Dundrum, Co. Dublin. 27 C

LOST, Xmas Eve, Purse, containing between three and four pounds in silver, by poor person; reward.—K 813, this office.

STRAYED, Tuesday, 25th, young Dog, wheaten colour, white mark on breast; reward.—Lucerne, Stillorgan Park. Police notified. 27 B

SITUATIONS VACANT.

A SALESMAN Wanted for Vacuum Cleaners, etc.; electrical knowledge desirable; state age and experience.—K 794, this office. 29 D

ASSISTANT—Wanted, a Junior to Grocery and Provisions, with knowledge of Hardware; must be strict T.T.; Protestant; state age and salary expected, with copies of references. Address "Z 706, Assistant," this office. 28 D

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A LONG established Firm of Motor Engineers require the services of an energetic young Salesman on salary and commission terms, Southern provincial town. Reply, giving full particulars, K 823, this office. 30 B

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CHINA and Glassware—For suburbs, Lady Assistant for above; must have experience buying, window dressing, and sales.—M 38, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 28 C

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EARN £3 to £8 weekly as Bookkeeper, Secretary, etc.; Rapid Postal Courses, 10/- month; unique Tuition offer; positions found; booklet free—London School of Commerce, 62 Oxford street, London. 29 D

GROCERY and Provisions—Wanted, a young Lady Assistant for above; knowledge of bookkeeping preferred; good references essential. Apply, stating salary expected, indoor; Protestant; Midlands. Address "Z 716, Lady," this office.

HAIRDRESSING—Wanted, Ladies' Hand, either lady or gentleman, immediately, knowledge of waving; state wages.—K 821, this office. 30 B

LADY Wanted to take care of Bachelor's House, Sandycove district; must be elderly. Reply, stating age and references, "Z 640, Lady," this office.

LEADING Tyre Company require services of Office Manager, to assume complete control of Dublin Branch Office. Write, giving full particulars of past experience, if any, and salary required, etc., to K 606, this office. 21 A

LADY Secretary Wanted. Address, with particulars, "Z 652, Secretary," this office. 27 B

MEN'S Outfitting—Keen young man required as Charge by progressive city house. Apply, giving particulars of experience, etc., to K 782, this office. 28 A

MILLINERY, Mantles, and Ladies' Outfitting—Wanted immediately for a country town, an experienced young Lady to take charge; must be able to buy well and be a good stock keeper; reply, with copies of references, and salary expected. Address "Z 712, Lady," this office. 29 D

MANCHESTER Department—City House require an experienced Man as Charge; liberal salary and commission to competent hand.—K 820, this office.

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START a Business in Drapery, etc., from £1 upwards. Special attention to widows and beginners. Sure living. Write for advice and list.—H. Levaine, Dept. G 143, Houndsditch, London, E. 1. X

WANTED for Fruit and Vegetable Business, Girl, fully trained. State where educated and send copies of testimonials to K 686, this office. 27 B

WANTED, Housekeeper, Protestant, for elderly lady; do all duties, cooking included; small house country town. Send copy reference, age, salary, "Z 671, Housekeeper," this office. 27 B

WANTED in Dublin, Ladies' Costume Maker for the high class bespoke trade. Quote per costume, and give other particulars, to "Z 697, Costume Maker," this office. 28 C

WANTED, Assistant (Protestant), indoor, Sub Office and General Store, country; state salary expected, and all particulars. Address "Z 713, Assistant," this office. 29 D

WANTED, Sexton, Caretaker, St. James's District Church and Schools, S.C. rd.; suit pensioner. Apply (by letter only), Rector, 8 S.C. road, Island Bridge. 29 B

WANTED, immediately, smart pushing Salesman for Gentlemen's Outfitting; good window dresser and nice manner; Co. Cork; send reference and salary; indoor. Address "Z 727, Salesman," this office. 30 D

WANTED, Lady Companion Help to invalid lady; must be of cheerful disposition, age 30-40, Protestant; state salary; vicinity Kingstown.—K 795, this office.

WANTED immediately, experienced Motor Salesman for leading Dublin Firm. Reply in first instance, with copies of credentials, K 796, this office. 29 B

WANTED, young Lady to take charge of Millinery and Mantle Department; state age and salary (indoor) and enclose copies references. Address "Z 724, Charge Hand," this office. 29 C

WANTED for small Brewing Company, an experienced Brewer of Irish Stout and Porter; state qualifications and experience and salary expected; applications to be accompanied by copies (only) of reference. Apply Box No. 1888, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 30 X

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

AGENT Wanted to place Bunches with Tailors in Free State. Apply Heather Mills Company, Scotch Tweed Manufacturers, General Post Office, Dublin. 28 A

BELFAST Fancy Linen House require Representative of good standing and connection amongst retail; commission basis. Apply Box "X," Eason's Advertising Service, Belfast. 28 B

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REPRESENTATIVE for Midland and North-Western Counties, with established connection amongst Drapers, etc., required by large Firm of Readymade Clothing Manufacturers in Free State; commission basis. Address, giving experience, etc., "Z 702, Representative," this office. 7 29

RETIRING Agent for Spanish Exporter of Dried Fruit and Wines has been asked to introduce suitable Representative.—K 790, this office.

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WANTED, experienced Lady Canvassers for Gown and Costumes Business; wage, commission.—8 Ovoca road, S.C.R. 27 B

AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.

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CHEMIST'S Apprentice required by city Chemist; Prelim. passed; fee. Apply K 785, this office. 28 C

CHEMIST'S Assistant disengaged, ten years' experience, anxious to work up business; good reference. Address "Z 726, Assistant," this office. 30 D

DUBLIN Chemist requires experienced Assistant (assistant's qualification). Apply, with full particulars, to K 684, this office. 27 B

DENTIST, long experience, disengaged; first class operator mechanic.—K 751, this office. 28 A

L.D.S. going abroad, owing to ill-health wishes to Sell London (East End) Practice, 2½ years established; this year's turnover about £600; would suit Irishman just qualified; full medical support.—K 656, this office.

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PHARMACY, Midlands, handsomely fitted, well stocked, established over five years, progressive, goodwill £200; stock and fixtures at valuation; no opposition. Address "Z 704, Pharmacy," this office. 29 A

QUALIFIED Lady Chemist Wanted for fortnight, commencing 31st December; state terms. Address "Z 650, Chemist," this office. 24 A

SISTER, disengaged February 20th, desires post, Nursing Home, city.—K 811, this office. 29 D

WANTED, Chemist's Dispensing Screen, Counter Glass Case, 4.0 x 1.5, and Set of Drawers; state price. Address "Z 717, Screen," this office.

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YOUNG General or Girl to train Wanted by middle of January; family two; good references essential.—K 825, this office. 30 D

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WANTED, two young country Girls to train as House Parlourmaid and Cook, preferably with a little experience.—Mrs. Parker-Keene, Castle Grange, Ashford, Co. Wicklow. 27 B

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AGENTS for NURSES, MAIDS and ATTENDANTS, Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Interview daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

AN experienced Protestant Nurse required, for baby from month; country post.—Mrs. Hope, Pembroke, Portarlington. 29 D

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WILL SENSIBLE CLOTHES REMAIN?

THE FASHIONS OF YESTERYEAR, TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Looking Backwards—and Ahead.

Will Sensible Fashions Persist?

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, By Mail.

I was searching through some old fashion papers of the year 1905 the other day, and, looking at these terrifying seventeen-inch waists, long, dragging, cumbersome skirts, piles of hair, and fly-away hats, I wondered in which direction the pendulum will swing in another twenty-five years.

Shall we then be laughing at ourselves and the clothes of 1928, as we laugh to-day at these ridiculous creations of 1905? Shall we wonder how we ever wore short skirts and slim dresses, and had bobbed or shingled heads?

I think not, because the clothes of to-day are not exaggerated in any way. Indeed, they seem to me to approach as near to perfection as we are ever likely to get. We laugh only at extremes, and extremes certainly are not the mode. On the contrary, our clothes are now extremely logical.

We have at last adapted our garments to our work and our pleasures, and the slim youthful creature who plays golf in the afternoon, clad in a short-skirted practical sports suit, will, in the evening, appear as a very dignified person, indeed, in a graceful frock of chiffon or satin, its uneven hemline lending her additional grace and stateliness.

Contrast this with 1905, when a woman played such games as she did play in clothes which gave her identically the same silhouette as the dress she wore for an evening function, and you will understand how greatly our mentality has developed.

"Fluffiness" or "Fussiness"?

The dressmakers have created a delightful reticence in our clothes nowadays, but how long is this going to last? A season or two ago we were all longing for "something different," and now we have got it with a vengeance.

Sports clothes are the same, of course; they are really as perfect as they ever will be, which is, perhaps, one of the reasons why women love to wear them so much; but our afternoon and evening frocks have changed. There we have some of the fluffiness (the "femininity," as some of the dressmakers call it) which has been missing for a long time. Frills, flounces, drapery, flares—all are there, and delighting in the softness of the effects they give. We have taken them joyfully to our hearts. And quite right, too, since nearly every woman looks well in them.

But there is just a danger that this fluffiness may turn into fussiness, which ought to be accounted one of the deadly sins. Just one flounce too many, or one frill in the wrong place, will do the trick, and, alas, there seems to be so many women who have a passion for that extra flounce, or prefer a frill in that particular place.

It remains, therefore, for the dressmakers to save us from these pitfalls, and their responsibility is enormous.

"Dreams of Loveliness."

Some of the new styles—glories of silk and wool—simply take the breath away. There is nothing like them! The simple sincerity of the designers' sense of beauty is clearly felt. They suggest the Golden Age, when the world was young, and women lived quieter lives than now. Yet there is nothing about them which should exclude them from the wardrobe of the modern woman.

To begin with, they are made in the most beautiful materials. All the glories of the silk and woollen manufacturers are used to make dresses and coats. There is a new cloak, by name "Dante," in cloth of gold. There are little blue and white checked woollens and cottons and silks, with full skirts, straight, or almost straight, bodices, and little poke-brimmed hats to go with them. There is a gorgeously simple robe called "Venise," as beautiful as the band of woman can make it. There is a new Chinese dress, and there are dozens more of the lovliest models in Chinese and Japanese designs—the loveliest things imaginable.

It is so delightful to see dresses which dress the female form without making it heavy, or robbing it of one inch of its graceful lines.

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Decorative Petals.



A smart gown in sapphire blue silk marocain, made in the tunic style, the tunic being trimmed with tabs at the side fastening, decorated with pink and blue silk work to match the trimming of the sleeves. The under-skirt is accordeon pleated. This is one of the latest Paris creations for afternoon wear.

STOCKINGS AND SOCKS.

To lengthen the life of silk stockings wash them through between every wear, as then they are never really dirty, so do not need hard rubbing, which very quickly breaks the thin threads.

To lengthen the life of men's and children's socks, darn the inside of the heels and toes before the socks are worn at all. The threads need not be taken through to show on the right side.

If these hints are followed the life of socks and stockings will be as much as three or four times as long.

Never turn up an ordinary hem on a velvet dress. It spoils silk stockings, for the rub of the pile in walking or dancing roughens the surface and ladders quickly result.

Always make a false hem of silk, which produces less friction.

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KEEP A FUR RAG-BAG.

The woman who has hoarded up scraps of fur, or even a fur coat past repair, should explore her odds and ends, for fur is now being used to cover pouffés and cushions.

Sometimes it is all the same, and sometimes it is a patchwork. Pouffés usually have it on the top, velvet being used for the sides, and seal or mole only on the more luxurious ones.

The delightful animal mascots, so popular at the moment, are not difficult to make. Patterns are obtainable, or may easily be cut from the skin of a discarded pet. The eyes and nose of an ancient necklet can be used, or also bought; but quite a nice nose can be made with brown or black kid, or even with ceiling-wax.

When fur is being made up it should be stretched on a board, wrong side up, and the pattern traced on it with a soft pencil. The cutting should be done with a new razor blade or with a very sharp pen-knife, and the parts should be oversewn together, care being taken that the fur lies in one direction.

A Letter to Pauline.

New Year Cards, Dances, Sales, and Salutations.

DEAR PAULINE,—For just one hundred and seventy-five years now the people of these islands have spent to-day, to-morrow, and even the next day, wishing one another "A Happy New Year"; so I think it is up to me to send my best wishes for prosperity in 1929 to you, Pauline, and to all readers of Mary's letters in the *Irish Times*. Our French cousins still continue to interchange presents on New Year's Day, but over here we have, most of us, exhausted the exchequer a week ago, and thus the new year presents problem automatically solves itself.

This leaves us time to devote our thoughts to new year resolutions instead—a practice which gives the individual great temporary satisfaction, but (luckily for the cheeriness of the world) even the best resolutions are only made to be broken.

Dublin will be very gay to-night—dances and evening parties have been arranged in all available quarters to "Ring out the old, ring in the new; Ring out the false, ring in the true"; and joybells from all our churches will raise a cheerful clamour to prevent, as it were, any sadness of the past from tarnishing the promise of the fresh new year.

Greeting Cards.

During the Great War, and for some years afterwards, the custom of sending cards was more or less suspended. For the last year or two, however, the good old fashion has been reasserting itself, and so in every home there is now to be found a great variety of these bright well-wishers, no two alike, many very beautiful; and it seems a shame to cast them into outer darkness without trying to find some use for them.

Before the war ladies made wonderful albums, screens, fancy tables and other things by merely pasting them down in some chosen pattern, and then making them dust-proof by a coat of varnish. We of to-day have little time for this kind of thing, but for my part I have found the cards of practical use in checking off my friends' addresses in my "address book." In many cases I found that my friends had gone to new homes, while the names of others did not make any appearance at all in my book.

All this is now rectified, thanks to the Christmas cards received, and my address book should be in greater general demand than ever before during the coming year.

The Sales.

Very soon now we will be able to convince ourselves that we are really at last on the verge of getting "something for next to nothing." If you should see anything nice in the way of a navy coat frock, snap it up before anybody else gets it. These navy coat frocks are very popular, and generally sport quaint little white collars and cuffs, often made of pique—the daintier ones of georgette. They are often detachable, so that they need never look creased or "tired." There is nothing in feminine attire quite so grubby-looking as soiled white. Perhaps, this is because it has no excuse.

Talking of white things reminds me that linen in any shape or form makes very good buying at the sales, as the laundry is its inevitable destination. I never advise the purchase of evening frocks at a sale; their only chance of longevity is to acquire them in the very first flush of their youth. They get tossed and shop-soiled so very easily.

Yvonne writes me from Paris that her latest possession for evening wear is a wig of silver. She says that it covers up her beloved shingle very picturesquely. This wig-fashion has not yet made its appearance in Dublin, but I suppose we may see it in the early spring modes. Much is written and talked about long hair, but, except for evening wear, it is as much of a myth as the longer skirts that we were threatened with a year ago.

I suppose I will see you at the British Legion Ball at the Plaza to-night. Of course, you have kept your costume so very secret that I cannot promise to recognise you until after unmasking time. I wish your costume good luck, anyway, and hope that you will secure a prize.—Yours, "MARY."

An inquiry from Killeigh in reference to Indian shawls is being attended to and special information will be sent by early post.

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- **Ladies' Wool, Silk and Wool, and Artificial Silk Knickers, all greatly reduced to clear.**
- **Ladies' Ripple Cloth Dressing Gowns** in Amethyst, Rose and Crimson neck and sleeves finished bands of pale shades to tone. Special Price ... 6/6
- **Ladies' Ripple Cloth Dressing Gowns** in Crimson, Sky, Rose, Pink and Amethyst. Wonderful value ... 11/9
- **Ladies' Wool Ripple Dressing Gowns,** with long roll collars, finished with bands of contrasting shades, in Rose, Mauve, Saxe, Crimson, Apple. Special Offer ... 15/11
- **Ladies' Wool Ripple Dressing Gowns**—A large assortment of pretty shades, some with chenille collars and cuffs, others with stitched silk and applique collars and cuffs, in full sizes. Offered at ... 17/11
- **Our remaining stock of Quilted Silk and Zenana Dressing Gowns offered at very tempting prices to clear.**
- **In our Children's Department** we are offering all our **Winter Coats, Jumper Suits,** and **Cardigans and Millinery at very reduced prices to clear.**

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- **Special Bargain Offer in Handbags,** various leathers. Original prices, 9/11 and 10/11. To Clear, each ... 5/-
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- **Ladies' Chubby Umbrellas,** blonde tips, reliable black covers. Assorted coloured handles. Sale Price ... 4/11
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Silks

- **Chiffon Velvet**—Rich quality All Silk Pile Chiffon Velvet for Gowns, Cloaks, etc. Colours: Browns, Cocoa, Almond, Saxe, Dark Saxe, Red, Grey, Wine, Rose, Cerise, Ivory and Black. 36ins. wide. Sale Price ... 8/11
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- **Crepe de Chine**—We are offering all regular qualities in All Silk Crepe at greatly reduced prices. Colours: All leading shades, Black and Ivory. 38ins. wide. Regular price, 12/11 to 6/11. Sale Price, 9/11, 7/11, 6/11 to ... 5/6
- **Fancy Crepe de Chine**—About 70 pieces of good quality printed Crepe de Chine. Ground colours: Navy, Black, Saxe, Rose, Beige, Green, Wine, etc., with smart contrasting designs. Regular prices, 12/11 to 8/11. Sale Price, 9/11 to ... 6/11
- **Petal Crepe**—Reliable wash and wear Artificial Silk Crepe for Lingerie, Frocks, Linings, etc. Colours include tones of Brown, Fawn, Beige, Grey, Green, Saxe, Sky, Rose, Lemon, Pink, Mauve, etc., Ivory and Black. 38ins wide. Sale Price ... 2/9½
- **Fancy Artificial Crepe**—Over 60 designs in smart printed Art. Crepe, reliable for wash and wear, including a large number of guaranteed cloths. Colours: Navy, Black, Saxe, Green, Brown, etc., etc., with large and small designs. Regular price, 5/6 to 3/11. Sale Price, 3/11 to ... 2/9½
- **Silk Georgette**—All Silk quality Georgette, in all leading day and evening shades. 38ins. wide. Usual price, 9/11 to 6/11. Sale Price, 7/11 and ... 5/11

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- **Tweeds.**—Smart Irish, Scotch, and West of England Tweeds for Coats and Sports Wear, including the new basket weave, in tones of Brown, Fawn, Grey, Blue, etc. 54 ins. wide. Sale Prices, 9/6, 8/11, 7/11, 6/11, 5/11, 4/11, and ... 3/11
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DIALOGUES OF THE "MODEL" SHOP—No. 5.

TIME: 11 o'clock p.m., New Year's Eve, 1928.

SCENE: Madeleine's house in Pembroke road, Dublin. Madeleine is sitting in the drawingroom.

Enter Sylvia.

SYLVIA—"*Grüss dich, Gott, Kinderl!*"

MADELEINE—Good luck in 1929!—but why all this German?

SYLVIA—It's not German, proper, if you only knew—it's Viennese. It's in honour of this frock, which I bought in Slyne's sale this morning and put on there and then, and I have been going round in it all day to sick friends, and doing a message for mother in a hurry to the other end of Dublin, so that I haven't had time to change or a thing—and still I look fairly all right in it at this time of night, don't I?

MADELEINE—I'm afraid I'm a little stupid. Slyne's, of Grafton street, you mean. What have they got to do with Vienna?

SYLVIA—The one thing they should have to do with it. They get frocks from it.

MADELEINE—Come over and let me look. It's really very pretty—such wee little pleats and the neat, tucked-away, hand embroidery, and the little buckle so carefully chosen to match. What price? Six?

SYLVIA—Four and a half.

MADELEINE—Amazing. And they have a social democratic Government out there, where labour *should* be at a premium.

SYLVIA—Do you know who I saw, lost in a trance, looking into Slyne's window? Isabel Leslie. We saw her safely off to Kinnegad that evening, and now she's back.

MADELEINE—I don't wonder she's back, seeing she's been in Paris for the last three months!

SYLVIA—She was wanting something she could travel back in or knock round the country, as she may stay longer. We found it: Sahara coloured jumper, with a dice design of chocolate and Sahara inlet, triangularwise down the front, and on collar and cuffs. The skirt has pleats, and is made of the same tweed which is inlet in the jumper. Tweed is almost at its best in a jumper and skirt. This is what's called a *good* one. It's now four and a half guineas, having been reduced from six.

MADELEINE—I thought she would not wear neutral colours.

SYLVIA—Well, there's nothing so very "neutral" about this, as its name implies, and, anyway, she can't go round the bogs in black. What about coming to look at an evening frock to-morrow? You can't go on wearing that delphinium blue all the winter, you know. If you want to have a really elaborate dress—and I think you should, as you are in a bad humour, and there's nothing for curing one of a bad humour like a really elaborate dress—you should get the pale rose georgette. All the front is encrusted with silver sheen pearls and translucent beads. The lattice work designs terminate in some beautiful flowers with diamanté centres. Panels at each side overlap the waist, and it dips at the back and front.

MADELEINE—I hope it's on the lines of the blue one, and not too frilly.

SYLVIA—I don't know that the blue one suits you so awfully well! But this is the rose for brunettes. It does not frill anywhere. Draperies hang from the waist, which is inclined to be long. Look at *Vogue*, *Femina*, *Revue de la Femme*, etc., to prove that it's the latest, and Slyne's are selling it off at eight and a half guineas. And there's a charming almond, low waist, at five and a half guineas, only you must promise not to wear it as long as my Slyne green is alive.

MADELEINE—I'll go to-morrow and see the rose for myself. If it's like what you say I'll wear it at my sister-in-law's party. I hope that jumper suit isn't gone already. The shot mauve one, with the Wedgwood blue emerging—the fifty-seven and elevenpenny one, I mean—that was downstairs—

SYLVIA—Sh!

(St. Bartholomew's clock strikes twelve.)

MADELEINE—There's 1929. You're staying the night, aren't you? All the others are away. This is the night of ghosts and memories. Let's drink to its health.

SYLVIA—And a happy New Year!

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ARMAGH CITY COUNCIL.

At a special meeting of the Armagh City Council Mr. R. Copeland presiding, the report of a committee was unanimously adopted recommending an increase in salary of £50 *per annum* to Mr. Vincent Hughes, manager, electricity works, from January 1 next, thus increasing his salary to £330 *per annum*. A recommendation to increase the salary of the clerk and accountant of the electricity works, Mr. Joseph Lynch, from £2 to £2 5s. also was adopted.

The Clerk was directed to apply to the Rural District Council asking it to enter into an arrangement with the City Council with regard to the City Fire Brigade attending fires in the rural district on payment of a minimum fee.

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THIS WEEK'S AUCTIONS OF FURNITURE AND FINE ARTS.

MONDAY.

9 and 10 Bachelor's Walk (James Hill and Son).

In Keady market last Saturday pork sold at 70s. per cwt.

BEAUTIES OF DUBLIN.

THE ENCHANTED POWER-STATION.

MIRACLES OF LIGHT.

(By LYDIA FRAZER.)

'Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching—yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits.

WITH the sinking of the exaltation that accompanies the first shock of beauty, a passionate desire to recall and keep the moment of rapture ensnares the soul. Caught in this strong toil, the captive imagines himself to be the captor of beauty, if he do but pick up some fragment from the shattered mirror of her bright reflection. To this poor relique he erects his temples of gold and ivory, of silver and alabaster, of music and words, of form and colour, of dance and flowers—in candid self-complacency, to hold her the prisoner of his adoration.

As well might he enclose in some crystalline cage the curled wave breaking on the shore, that its smooth walls should never crumble into white foam, running backward through shining pebbles. As well might he confine the roar of its mighty fall and the shout of its upgathering in the pale echo of strings and brass and stretched skin, lest its triumphant voice should shrink to the thin thread of sleepy sound, stirring idly at the lip of the slumbering sea. As well might he arrest, by some spell, the flying fountains of its spindrifted water, lest they should be blown and scattered by the wind into invisibility and annihilation.

Though the world is full of her authentic shrines, which she visits with punctual claim, yet the wayward spirit of beauty is not always enthroned in her temples. Weary of sophisticated worship, she may desert her devotees and wander into the market-place, to gather up to her breast the outcast and lowly, or to mock the indifferent and hostile with the gay carelessness of her smile. The lion and lizard keep the courts of Jamshid, the Parthenon becomes a powder magazine, and the most secret haunts of nymph and faun are trampled by the feet of satiety; but her glance irradiates a common roof against the sky-line, or a huddle of cottages across a bog. Many a group of buildings made for sheer use, and brutal in their ignoring of design and art, has a savage outlawry of beauty, a fascination of power, stark, primitive, unfashioned. No industrial centre is so mean that some grouping of its works, some trick of light is not imposing in strength or severity.

THREE MIRACLES.

Three miracles of beauty's benignity stand at Dublin's very gates. They attract no pilgrims; for they belong to no temples of Nature or Art. They were fashioned by the genius of the goddess, in her happy chancing on her own material and opportunity.

The first of these is the Electric Power Station on the South Wall. Approached from the south-east, on an autumn morning, when the sun strikes level against the beautiful massing of its buildings, springing strongly from the long, low line of purple mist, and lifting straightly out of a blue and shining sea, flaming rose-red to where the great chimneys swirl out purple smoke, swelling toward an amethystine sky—the magnificence of this dazzling sight seems as remote from human agency as the palaces of the Fairy Peri Banou. If the cool morning be grey without sunshine, but equally without mist, then, no longer standing alone, they head the whole line of all the South Wall buildings, drawn out low, black, and sharp as an etching, against the grey vastness of the sky.

Many a quiet city holds treasure of secluded loveliness in little streets or by deserted waterways. Their grave houses and spacious warehouses, with mysterious movements of lines and surface towards one another, were only meant by their builders to hold and store some need of man, or to shelter men themselves. Yet sometimes they make a proportion and perspective that hold an unexpected immobility of grace—some austere repose, some gentle calm, that laid its spell on the harsh life of their medieval painters—men who might well live to see their dwellings pillaged, burned and sacked, and who immortalised their dearest sanctuaries of home against change and loss for themselves and their friends.

THE MAGIC OF LIGHT.

Out of such a past our little Dock Mill, near Grand Canal street, on the other side of the railway, might have slipped. It stands obscurely on the edge of a small dock, with its gables, its innumerable small flat windows, with the uneven rise and fall of its roofs, filling one side of a dusty square of dark water, low against its dimness; until the light of the winter morning slides into shining hollow depths, and discovers its stand to be on a magic foundation, builded from its own pattern and colours, but lovelier from the pure abstraction of mirrored and untouchable beauty.

The symbol of ultimate beauty—the supreme image of the spiritual beauty that shines through from the hidden world—is independent of sun and wind and water, of form and colour and substance. "A light shining in the darkness"—and a thousand pictures are formed in the mind with this bare clue: from the garlanding lamps in the palace gardens to the reflections that turn the black, wet street into a darkly flowing river; from the lighthouse, in a hollow angry world of invisible raging enemies, to the lantern swinging low on the lonely hillside; from the Star in the East to the little, lighted window-panes of home.

Is it Nature or Art that bids us watch the lights of Dublin, as we move away at nightfall to the south? These great arcs, that blazed out big and bold and steady while we were near them, begin to shrink closer together, and to touch trembling hands across the dark. Now we are farther from them, and they are shrunken and strung into glittering chains of winking jewels, swept round the curves from pier to headland. We climb a hill, and the world has vanished away from our feet, fallen into an abyss of dark enchantment—till, from some parapet on the farther side of the firmament of heaven, we see all the other lights, starry constellations shining in the formless void.

"Nature never did betray the heart that loved her," is the poet's creed; but Nature is no less inconstant than man. Beauty makes no such boast; but she gives such sweet amends for her betrayals that she binds us anew to her workship when she lifts the commonplace, the homely, the unillumined into the intimate and familiar places of her dwellings among men.

EVACUATION OF LIMERICK BARRACKS.

It is learned that early in the new year the Free State Army forces will evacuate Castle Barracks, Limerick, which they have occupied since 1921. The barracks, probably, will be handed over to the Limerick Corporation, but it is not known yet to what use the building will be put. The older portion of the barracks was erected in the reign of King John.

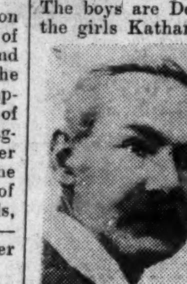
In Keady market last Saturday the price for Italian grass was 18s. to 21s. per cwt., and Perennial 12s. 6d. to 14s. 6d. per cwt.

AN IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

The Duke de Stacpoole : A Master of Hounds : Soldiers Three : Book Titles. The Harbour of Belfast : A New Joyce Book. Lord Inchiquin's Daughter.

Descendant of Brian Boru.

The engagement of the Hon. Katharine O'Brien to Mr. John Gallagher, only child of the late Mr. Patrick Gallagher, J.P., of Ardlougher House, Co. Donegal, reminds me of the Irish names that all Lord and Lady Inchiquin's family have. The boys are Donough and Phadrig, and the girls Katharine, Fionn, Griselda and Finvola. Lord Inchiquin is descended from Brian Boru, an ancient King of Ireland, and, I believe, his servants are entitled to wear royal livery. He was elected a member of the Senate in 1921, and was formerly a D.L. for County Clare. Lady Inchiquin is a daughter of the late Mr. Johnston J. Foster, and sister of the Marchioness of Normanby, whose husband is late Canon of Windsor. The heir to the title, the Hon. Donough O'Brien, married, in 1921, the Hon. Anne Thesiger, daughter of Viscount Chelmsford, ex-Viceroy of India. Dromoland Castle, Lord Inchiquin's beautiful place in County Clare, was one of the fortunate mansions to escape destruction during the troubled times.


LORD INCHIQUIN.

Duke de Stacpoole for Ireland.

The Duke de Stacpoole, who a few days ago left for Ireland from Rome, where he had been received in private audience by the Pope, is a Parisian by birth, but he has close association with Ireland, and he is a Justice of the Peace for County Galway.

Sixty-eight years of age, he is the son of the third Duke de Stacpoole, his mother being the daughter of Mr. Thomas Dunn, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. He was educated at Beaumont College, and later took up a commission in a Yorkshire regiment. He married Miss Pauline MacEvoy, the daughter of Mr. Edward MacEvoy, formerly member of Parliament for County Meath.

The Duke, who owns between seven and eight thousand acres in Ireland, has always been fond of travel, but he finds time for literary work, and he is the author of an interesting volume of "Irish and Other Memories."

Belfast's Harbour.

The harbour of Belfast, which originally was a mere creek of the River Lagan, has, owing to its great improvements and extensions, become one of the finest in the United Kingdom. The first great step taken to improve the harbour may be traced to the year 1785, when a separate corporation was appointed for the sole management of the port. This body held its meetings for many years in what was known as the Ballast Office, a small building which stood near the present site of the Customs House, but over fifty years ago it became necessary to have a new office, and a fine building was erected in Corporation square. This building contains many interesting relics of old Belfast, among these an ancient bell bearing the date of 1761. This old bell belonged in former times to the Market House, which was situated at the corner of Corn Market, and it tolled the funeral chimes of the famous Henry Joy M'Cracken, who was executed there on the 7th July, 1798. The relic was presented by the Marquis of Donegall to the Belfast Harbour Commissioners in 1857.

Great work has been carried out by the Harbour Board in constructing new channels and building fine quays, which now extend for several miles on each side of the Lagan. The contiguity of Belfast to England and Scotland and the fine fleets of steamers which ply daily between it and many ports across the Channel render it easy to travel, and there is a continual stream of traffic, both inward and outward bound.

Queen's Island.

The deepening of the channels was carried out with great economy, and the dredgings from the channel formations were deposited so as to form quite an extensive island, which received the name of Dargan's Island, in honour of the engineer who was in charge of the work, William Dargan, an Irishman. The island was later re-named Queen's Island, and is now the centre of activity in the Belfast shipping industry, which, as everybody knows, is the biggest in the world. Little did the people then know that the mud from the bed of the Lagan would be responsible for the birth of this gigantic industry.

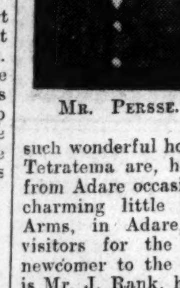
James Joyce's New Book.

I have been reading James Joyce's new book "Anna Livia Plurabelle." Having toiled through pages in which no sentence had a verb, and almost every noun was linked to an adjective unknown to lexicography, I asked a friend, "Do you understand it?" "Do not display your ignorance," he answered. "The correct question is, 'Why are your reactions?'"

I cannot give quotations for my readers' study at this season of puzzles and conundrums, as I lent my copy for a day to a distinguished Dublin citizen—and the morrow of that day has not arrived.

Mr. "Atty" Persse, M.F.H.

Mr. "Atty" Persse, the well-known Stockbridge trainer, who is Joint Master of the Limerick Hounds with Mr. Arthur Pollock, is giving his many followers excellent sport this season. Limerick is the "country where all is grass and the horses grow in the trees," and, being the birthplaces of two Derby winners, Galtee More and Ardpatrick, and at least a couple of Grand National winners, Jerry M. and Shannon Lass, is it any wonder that Mr. Persse selected it? As he is manager of Major Dermot McCalmont's famous stud at Ballylinch, Thomastown, where such wonderful horses as The Tetrarch and Tetratema are, he is able to motor down from Adare occasionally to the stud. The charming little hostelry, the Dunraven Arms, in Adare, is full with English visitors for the hunting; and another newcomer to the district for the hunting is Mr. J. Rank, head of the great milling firm in Liverpool, who has taken Mount Trenchard, Lord Monteagle's seat.


MR. PERSSE.

Posers for the Librarian.

My comment on the books read by borrowers from the Public Libraries of the County Dublin prompts a correspondent to inquire whether Dublin librarians have to contend against the same type of ignorance as the librarians of public libraries in England.

In "The Bermondsey Book," a periodical issued by the Bermondsey Bookshop, a contributor deals with some of the posers which have been put to English librarians, and it would be interesting to know whether similar questions are asked of librarians in Ireland. Some of the questions are calculated to provoke laughter, but in all cases they were intended to be serious. "On what side of his face did Cromwell have a wart?" was a question which led to the discovery of a unique death-mask of Cromwell. "What is the analysis of the River Jordan's water?" resulted in a big shipping company securing an order worth thousands of pounds. When a boy asked for a book on "How to Manage Triplets," it would seem that the limit of literary effort had been reached; he was given a mothers' manual with the hope that it would prove suitable. When another small boy appeared at the counter panting and dishevelled, with flushed face and ruffled hair, after a sharp run, and gasped at the attendant: "Please, sir, I've run; now may I read?" it took several minutes to understand that he had taken a poster slogan only too literally: "He Who Runs May Read."

Book-title Traps.

According to the English librarian, it is the book-titles which offer the easiest and most severe traps to the unwary, and to the borrowers with little education. An interesting list is given which probably could be matched by any Dublin or other Irish librarian.

"Is the stuck-up mister in?" a gruff-voiced borrower demanded. The assistant, who thought there was trouble brewing, called the librarian; it was a relief to them to discover that what was wanted was Crockett's very popular novel, "The Stickit Minister." This should have been obvious to anyone familiar with book-titles.

Most of the other mispronunciations are also fairly obvious, and must have been heard by almost every librarian of a large city library. When a librarian is asked for "The Infernal Comedy" there should be no difficulty in handing Dante to the aspirant after culture. So also with such slips as "The Ruby Yacht" ("Rubaiyat"), "The Dunce's Hat" ("The Dunciad"), and "The Essays of a Liar" ("Essays of Elia"); but if one is suddenly confronted with a request to "Kiss Auntie" it would take some little time to recover and elicit from the prospective reader that what she wanted was really Anthony Hope's "Quisante."

The gem of the Bermondsey experience is certainly that of the little boy who collected butterflies and moths and sought in the library catalogue for a book on his hobby. After a prolonged search he approached the counter quite boldly and asked to be supplied with "Advice to Young Mothers, by Dr. Bull." Even the most solemn-faced librarian could not resist the innocence of such a request.

Soldiers Three.

One of the most persistent temptations dangled before Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who is 63 to-morrow, by enterprising editors has been the revival of his famous soldiers three, especially Mulvaney. His reply, however, has always been the same—that it is impossible, as the fighting Irishman is no more. "The last mental picture I have of him," he declared some years ago, in refusing such a request, "was on the edge of a cutting in India, where he was directing a gang of coolies. There is no doubt that he was a bit seedy. . . . and I am sure that, if he has not already passed away, he will soon, and that Dinah Shadd will bury him."


MR. R. KIPLING.

A Suburban Rendezvous.

The other evening I had an appointment with a man in Kingstown, but when I met him it was raining so heavily that we were under the necessity of finding some sheltered spot for the discussion of our business. There were no cafés open, and it seemed as if we would have to postpone our arrangements, but my friend solved the problem. Said he: "Come along with me to the Institute; it's the very place for a comfortable chat."

Our objective proved to be the Men's Christian Institute in George's street, and I was pleasantly surprised when I was ushered into a fine large room, in which a cheery fire was burning. Two comfortable chairs were soon drawn up, and our business was duly completed to our mutual satisfaction.

The young men of Kingstown are indeed lucky in having such an admirable place as the Institute for a meeting-place and for recreation. I learned that the premises were built in 1894 through the generosity of the late William McComas, Esq., who furnished and equipped the building, and also provided a large sum of money for its maintenance and the furtherance of the objects of the Association.

The Benefits of Membership.

The Institute contains a comprehensive library, with a reading room well stocked with current literature. There is also a spacious gymnasium hall (though it is not now devoted to gymnastics), which is used for Badminton. Committee rooms for various purposes are available in the building.

A very popular part of the Institute is the billiard room, which at the time of my visit was crowded with a merry throng of members, who were thoroughly enjoying themselves. My friend told me that although the charge for a game was only a few pence the billiard room made a substantial profit, which was devoted to the expenses of other departments of the Institute.

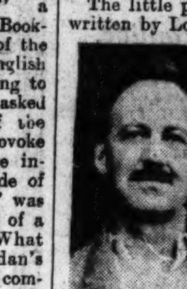
Protestant young men coming to live in Kingstown would be well advised to get in touch with the Institute, where for a very modest subscription they may partake of all the benefits of membership. No stranger need complain of loneliness while away from home when such an admirable institution is available at so reasonable a cost.

Half an Hour with Lord Dunsany.

One of the most charming half-hours I have spent this Christmastide, writes an English correspondent to me, was one spent in reading "The Flight of the Queen," the delightful little phantasy by Lord Dunsany, published in the fourth series of "One-act Plays of To-day."

The little play is both unlike any other written by Lord Dunsany or by any other playwright, and is about as far removed from the style of his 'ordship's "A Night at an Inn," one of the most popular of one-act plays, as any piece of literature could be.

"The Flight of the Queen" is based on the story of the nuptial flight of the queen bee, and is full of poetry and exquisite beauty of thought. The play is written on a high theme that is not easy to maintain, but Lord Dunsany is an experienced play-writer, and his poetic drama goes throughout without a weak passage.


LORD DUNSANY.

Lord Dunsany has not always had his full share of fair criticism, but he is daily becoming more recognised as one of the leading literary geniuses of the day, reaching very nearly, in his better moments, to the level of James M. Barrie.

"The Flight of the Bee" is, of course, of no nationality, but the story gives glimpses of the influence of the imaginative gifts of the Irish race. The play is the third of Lord Dunsany's to be included in the series.

A Gruesome Centenary.

December 25th of this year was the centenary of the passing of the death sentence on as gruesome a murderer as any in the annals of crime. It was at 8.30 on the morning of Christmas Day, 1828, that the judge pronounced his doom on the notorious William Burke, who was hanged in Edinburgh in January, 1829, for murdering people in order to sell the bodies to hospitals for dissection, and whose name added a new word to the English language.

A Northern correspondent tells me that Burke was not a Corkman, but a native of Urney, near Castlederg, County Tyrone. His companion in crime, Hare, was a Donegal man. Several of their victims were Irish emigrants, too, one of them a poor old grandmother; another a beautiful young girl of eighteen; a third, "Daft Jamie," a deaf mute in his 'teens; and the last, the woman named Doherty or Dougherty, the discovery of whose body led to the exposure of the whole traffic.

Before his execution Burke had the hardihood to demand from Professor Robert Knox, the doctor to whom most of the bodies were sold, the sum of five pounds, which, he said, was overdue to him. He needed the money, he explained, for new clothes, because he could not appear before the public at his execution unless he was "respectable." He had married in Ballina in 1818, and went from Mayo to Scotland, but his wife was not one of the women implicated in the murders.

A ballad-singer of the time sang:

"Up the close and down the stair,
But and ben wi' Burke and Hare;
Burke's the butcher, Hare's the thief,
Knox the boy that buys the beef."

Body-snatching.

My correspondent says that before the Anatomy Act of 1832 put an end to this class of business body-snatching from graveyards for sale to medical schools was common around Belfast, as in many other places. The "resurrectionists," as they were called, plied a regular trade for a full century before the Burke and Hare atrocities forced the Legislature to put a stop to it. But the market for bodies seized in the northern counties was not found in Ulster, but in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and in one instance at least one corpse was found packed up ready for shipment and returned to its grave.

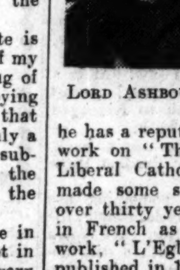
Elaborate precautions had to be taken to frustrate the body-snatchers. In some northern graveyards real "strong rooms" were built to hold the bodies until they became decomposed enough to be useless to anatomists. Donegore, County Antrim, where the rebels assembled in 1798, had a "resurrection vault"; there was another near Donaghadee, County Down; and the remains of one were to be seen, at least some years ago, in the old Shankill Graveyard, Belfast. Mallusk had a "resurrection lamp," and in the Museum in Royal avenue, Belfast, there used to be, and may be still, a specimen of the iron cages for enclosing coffins as a safeguard against theft.

As in Glasnevin and Goldenbridge, in some Ulster graveyards the relatives of recently dead people took turns on watch for weeks at a time or hired men to guard the bodies from the agents of the corpse merchants.

A Kilted Peer.

Lord Ashbourne is so energetic and appears so robust that I was surprised to find he celebrated his sixtieth birthday a few weeks ago. His kilt-clad figure and youthful mein are so familiar in Dublin, and indeed all over Ireland, that one never associated old age with the successor of the author of the Land Act of 1885.

He was, in fact, born on December 10, 1868, and educated at Harrow, Dublin University, and Merton College, Oxford. Much of his time, at least up till recent years, has been spent in France, and in 1896 he married a French lady, the daughter of the late M. de Monbrison, of Paris.


LORD ASHBOURNE.

In Ireland he is best known for his support of the Gaelic League, of which he is now President. But on the Continent he has a reputation in philosophy, and his work on "The Abbé Lamennais and the Liberal Catholic Movement in France" made some stir when it was published over thirty years ago. He writes as well in French as in English, and a shorter work, "L'Eglise libre dans l'Etat libre," published in 1907, had a wide circulation, but is now rare.

Lord Ashbourne's heir-presumptive is his brother, the Hon. Edward Gibson, of Haslemere, Surrey. Both are M.A.'s of Trinity College, Dublin.

QUIDNUNC.

SALMON FISHERIES INJURED.

This is the salmon-spawning season, and much of the spawning deposits has been destroyed on the North-West Donegal rivers, where heavy floods, following the recent heavy rains, have caused the rivers to overflow.

MR. KIPLING'S BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who was sixty-three years of age yesterday, spent a very quiet day at his Sussex residence, Batemans Burwash. He is in excellent health, and was out yesterday morning with his wife and his two Aberdeen terriers, his inseparable companions when at home, "Wop" and "James," looking round his farm. Mrs. Kipling is sixty-three years of age to-day.

OLD MAN DEAD IN HUT.

An old man, Charles Willoughby (a recipient of home assistance), who lived alone in a hut on Carrigacroe Hill, County Wicklow, was found dead in bed by neighbours. The Tinabely Civic Guards communicated with the Coroner, who deemed an inquest unnecessary.

THE EMPEROR'S TALISMAN.

(By DONALD CAMPBELL.)

ENSHRINED among the treasures of the famous Cathedral of Rheims is a talisman of such value that even the intrepid jackdaw of the legend would hardly dare to purloin it. It is the talisman of the great Emperor Charlemagne of the French, and consists of a priceless pendant of pearls and sapphires, the mount of which encases a supposed fragment of the True Cross. This was left by the ex-Empress Eugénie to the Cathedral of Rheims which suffered so severely at the hands of the German artillery during the war.

The ex-Empress, a great friend of Queen Victoria—who was very fond of the sprightly young Prince Louis Napoleon, who was to lose his life so tragically in the Zulu War, of 1879—inherited this talisman from her husband, Napoleon III. He had inherited it from his father, to whom it had been given by the beautiful Empress Josephine. Although this talisman seems to have brought nothing but loss and sorrow to the Bonapartes, it was, and is, one of the most sought-after jewels in the world.

The ex-Kaiser made repeated offers to the lonely widow of the last Napoleon, even visiting her on one occasion at her house at Chislehurst, where she received him with very cold dignity. He had been attracted by the legend that the talisman gave to its possessor the rule of the world. This legend has been handed down with the jewel, which Charlemagne was said to have received from a wise Arabian.

A TOUCH OF IRONY.

Charlemagne was the greatest monarch of the Western World in those days. The fact that the ex-Kaiser wished to buy the talisman is all the more ironic when we consider that Charlemagne caused the same ex-Kaiser's ancestors to be baptised at the point of the sword when he subdued the still heathen tribes of Eastern Germany and made them turn Christian.

The Church was distinctly militant in those days. The great Emperor saved Europe from the second Moorish invasion, when the fiery Arabian warriors led hordes of fierce, black spearmen from Central Africa against the Frankish armies. The descendants of those negroes are now riflemen in the French Colonial Army.

In the pass of Roncevaux died the gallant Roland, truest and best of all knights, betrayed, so it is said, by one Ganelon. Single-handed he held the pass against the Moslem invaders after the other knights with him had perished—the twelve Paladins celebrated alike in history and legend.

The historical value of the talisman must be enormous. Because of its religious significance the ex-Empress Eugénie left it to the sorely smitten Cathedral of Rheims, one of the glories of the Church in France. Otherwise she probably would have willed it to the English Royal Family, for whom she always cherished the greatest friendship and gratitude on account of their kindly reception of her when her world had crumbled, and afterwards when her only son was slain, fighting the Zulus single-handed. What a story could the talisman tell, if it could speak, of the splendour and the fall of dynasties, of the clash of arms, of plots and conspiracies and women's tears!

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Weather Forecast and Gramaphone Record Recital. 6.0—Gramaphone Concert. 6.15—Uair i dTir na n-og—New Year's Eve Play, by Katherine MacCormack and Company; music by Mae Vizo, songs by Billy Coomber. 7.0—Italian Lesson: Italia de Starkie. 7.15—Gramaphone Concert. 7.30—"Care of Our Animals, Horses and Stables," Professor Mason, M.R.C.V.S. 7.45—Gaedhilg, Sile Ni Dhubhgain. 8.0—Station Orchestra: Overture, "Athalie" (Mendelssohn). 8.10—Mary O'Hea and Company; Play arranged from "The Chimes" (Charles Dickens)—Meg Veck, Mary O'Hea; Lilian Fern, Lucy Griffen; Mrs. Tugby, Grace Evans; Toby Veck, Victor Harris; William Fern, Dr. Mason; Alderman Cute, W. G. Mulvin; Richard, B. E. Byers. 8.40—Annie Broadhurst (contralto), English and Welsh Folk Songs: "I Will Give My Love an Apple," "My Boy Billy," "The Dove," and "O, No, John" (Cecil Sharpe and V. Williams). 8.50—Our New Year's Eve Party—Renee Flynn, Norman O'Connell Redmond, Haviland Jackson, Tom Attwooll, Josephine Walsh and Dorothy Day. 9.20—"Capitol Calling," relay from Capitol Theatre. 10.0—Ceilidh Trio. 10.30—Weather Forecast and close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres (980 Kc.).

12.0-1.0—Quartet—Overture, "Orpheus in the Underworld" (Offenbach); Prelude (Rachmaninov); Selection, "Mignon" (Ambroise Thomas, arranged Alder); Queenie Quigley (contralto): "Romance" (Ponchielli), "In the Garden of To-morrow" (J. L. Deppen), "Shane Aroon" (Pascal), "Love, I Have Won You" (Landon Ronald); Quartet: "Romance and Two Dances" ("The Conqueror") (German); Selection, "Show Boat" (Kern). 3.0—London. 3.45—The Radio Quartet: "Petite Suite" (Coleridge-Taylor), Ballet Music ("Faust") (Gounod). 4.5—Geraldine Costigan (mezzo-soprano): "Ave Maria" ("Cavalleria Rusticana") (Mascagni), "When April Laughs" (Phillips), "Thoughts" (Howard Fisher), "Daddy's Sweetheart" (Lehmann). 4.17—Quartet: "May Day at Helston" (Holliday), Selection of Haydn Wood's Popular Songs" (arranged Higgs); Selection, "Stop Flirting" (Gershwin). 4.45—Organ Recital by Charles Howlett, relayed from the Classic Cinema. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—London. 6.30—A Pianoforte Recital by Flora Shaw (winner of the Open Pianoforte Scholarship at the Royal College of Music): "Fugue in F minor" (Bach), "Prelude in B flat" (Chopin), "Sonata in C" (Scarlatti), "Water Wagtail" (Cyril Scott), "Puck's Dance" (Debussy), "A Rendezvous" (Poldini). 6.45—London. 9.35—Reminiscences of 1928. 10.35-12.5—London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres (830 Kc.) and DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,562.5 Metres (192 Kc.)

10.15 a.m.—The Daily Service. 10.30—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 11.0—Gramaphone Records. 12.0—A Ballad Concert. 12.30—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 1.0-2.0—Organ Recital from Southwark Cathedral. 3.0—17th Annual Conference of Educational Associations—Presidential Address by the Earl of Lytton, P.C., G.C.S.I. 3.45—Gwen Davies (contralto), Charles Mann (baritone). 4.15—Alphonse du Clos and his Orchestra. 5.15—The Children's Hour. 6.0—Household Talk. 6.15—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 6.45—The Foundations of Music: Beethoven's Sonatas, for violin and pianoforte, played by Marjorie Hayward and G. O'Connor Morris. 7.0—Mr. Desmond MacCarthy: Literary Criticism. 7.25—Mr. S. C. Roberts: "Introducing Dr. Johnson." 7.45—Vaudeville. 9.0—Weather Forecast. 9.15—A Talk by Mr. James Stephens. 9.35—A Popular Concert. 10.35—Surprise Item. 10.50—Dance Music. 11.50—"1928-1929."

DAVENTRY EXPERIMENTAL (5GB)—491.8 Metres (610 Kc.).

3.0—Lozells Picture House Orchestra. 4.0—B.B.C. Orchestra, Doris Palmer (Character Comedienne). 5.0—A Ballad Concert. 5.30—The Children's Hour. 6.15—Time Signal, Greenwich; Weather Forecast. 6.30—Light Music. 8.0—Chamber Music. 9.15—New Year's Party, relayed from Pattison's Café Restaurant, Birmingham. 10.0—Weather Forecast. 10.15—Dance Music. 11.50—"1928-1929."

DUHALLOW HUNT BALL.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT MALLOW.

The Duhallow Hunt Club Ball, which was held in the Town Hall, Mallow, last Friday night, was the first they have had for several years. About ninety couples from all parts of the county attended. The hall was tastefully decorated in the hunt colours, and many hunting emblems were displayed. The music was supplied by Miss Billie Weiner's band, and the catering was by Mills.

Among those attending were: Mr. J. S. Shepperd, M.F.H.; Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Annesley, Sir Ernest Goff, General Monkhouse, Captain Leahy, Commander Hardcastle, R.N.; Miss Sharpe-Bolster, Lady Marshall, Lord Lisle, E. J. Walton, Miss Preston, Mr. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Webb, Mr. J. O'Brien, the Misses Leahy, Dr. and Mrs. O'Farrell, Mr. J. J. Dudley, Mrs. Barry, Mr. J. W. Thompson, Mr. D. O'Mara, LL.D.; Captain Murphy, Mr. Cooke-Collis, Captain Brasier-Creagh, Major L. Bucknall, Mr. T. G. Millard, Mr. R. S. Pennyfeather, Dr. T. D. Honan, Mr. George Sharpe-Bolster, Mr. T. J. E. Heffernan, Miss Olive Carrol-Leahy, Dr. O'Sullivan, Mrs. H. Lysaght.

TRIBUTE TO DUBLIN PILOT.

On behalf of the Dublin pilots, a presentation of a smokers' cabinet was made by Mr. J. Giles, master pilot steamer, to J. Hanlon, pilot, who is retiring after fifty years in the Dublin pilot service.

A SOUTHERN LETTER.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Wild Weather : An Indoor Festival : Good Business Season : The Salvage of the Celtic. Commercial Travellers' Review of Conditions : Unsaleable Cattle.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
CORK, Sunday.

The Christmas season in the South passed very quietly, and the weather saw to it that it was a stay-at-home Christmas for the majority of people. In the City of Cork and district a high wind, which reached gale strength in the evening, accompanied by an incessant downpour, made conditions out-of-doors extremely unpleasant, but, on the other hand, rather enhanced the enjoyment of the festive board and the happiness of the family fireside gathering. Many hundreds of people journeyed home from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland for the all too brief holiday. The entire absence of tramcars and omnibuses on Christmas Day was a great inconvenience, and many people suffered a severe "drenching." The weather on St. Stephen's Day, when many sporting fixtures attracted big crowds, was quite seasonable.

The holiday season brought its usual crop of accidents; but, fortunately, none of them proved fatal.

One of the pleasantest features of the festival was the manner in which charitably disposed persons arranged some little pleasure for their less fortunate brethren. The day was made as happy as possible for the inmates of such institutions as the Cork Union and the Mental Hospital. A dinner was given in the Crawford Municipal Technical Institute to a hundred homeless men—real "down and outs," who were searched out by their hosts in all the byways of the city. Such a fine example of practical charity should inspire further efforts in the same direction on future occasions.

BUSINESS RESULTS.

Aided by the Cork Publicity Association's "shopping carnival" the business results of the fortnight preceding Christmas must have been very satisfactory so far as Cork is concerned. The street decorations and lighting lent an air of gaiety to busy thoroughfares, and a steady and increasing volume of shopping continued up to the last minute, when there was the usual scramble for things remembered only just in time. Sums of money sent to their people at home by Munster exiles in America (estimated at £120,000) reached the recipients in excellent time, and quite a respectable proportion of that money now lies to the credit of various firms in Cork.

The Munster Capital was not alone in its enterprise in endeavouring to attract customers from outlying areas; for shopping weeks in such centres as Waterford, Clonmel, Fermoy and Tralee—to mention only a few—also had their measure of success.

THE CELTIC.

The fate of the Celtic, the White Star liner lying on the rocks at the entrance to Cork Harbour, proved of deep interest to Cork folk at home for the holiday. Many braved the elements on Christmas Day and motored to Crosshaven or to Roche's Point to see the vessel. They saw it under conditions almost exactly similar to those which prevailed when the Celtic went ashore—a heavy mist sweeping across the harbour, while immense waves raised by the shrieking wind pounded against the doomed vessel, and threatened to swallow up her mighty bulk. Salvage operations were at a standstill, as they have been for most of the week owing to the bad weather and heavy seas.

Much as the loss of so fine a vessel is to be deplored, the task of removing the cargo and other salvage work, which goes on day and night when conditions permit, brought a great deal of much-needed employment to the poor of Queenstown. This work is likely to continue for several weeks.

TRAVELLERS' MEETINGS.

One does not hear much throughout the twelve months in Cork of commercial travellers' associations, but the last week of the year always brings these bodies to the fore, the annual meetings providing an important section of the community with an opportunity of placing their views before the public. During the week three such meetings were held in Cork, the bodies concerned being the Cork and South of Ireland Travellers' Association, the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association (Cork Branch) and the Irish Commercial Travellers' Association. The addresses and reports at each meeting were largely confined to the progress of each body during the past year, but there were also some references of more general interest.

The chairman of the second organisation mentioned, Mr. B. Buckworth, pointed out that the welfare of the city and the county town depended ultimately on the prosperity of agriculture. In this connection he was pleased to note the vastly increased volume of exports of agricultural produce from the port of Cork. The increase was very striking, and, even though much of the farmers' business, it was to be feared, was unremunerative, the larger exports were significant of industrial activity, and augured well for the future.

Mr. J. J. Barry, who presided at the meeting of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Association, commented on the improved tourist traffic of the past year. He also referred to the trade of the country, and remarked that, perhaps, the best that could be said of it was that things were no worse than last year. Cattle prices had been bad, and that had a tremendous effect on trade. Still, those competent to judge stated that there was nothing to prevent farmers from producing better cattle in the course of time; it was only a question of working more intelligently and in a better organised way.

UNWANTED CATTLE.

The question of cattle prices was given widespread publicity a week or two ago, when a statement was made at a meeting of the Farmers' Union to the effect that it was impossible to find buyers for cattle in West Cork, and that some cattle were actually left wandering on the roads because keeping them had proved an unjustifiable expense.

A farmer living in the district expresses an opinion that opens up another aspect of the situation. He begins by denying the statement that matters are so bad that cattle are allowed to wander about the roads, but he agrees that more cattle have been left unsold in the Berehaven district of West Cork than in any year since the war. The real cause of that, in his opinion, is the breed of cattle.

The Act for improving dairy cattle in Ireland, he says, forced on the farmers of the neighbourhood the Kerry breed, which was entirely unsuitable for many districts there, and hence the cattle were unsaleable. Before the compulsion farmers in West Cork took a keen interest in their cattle and procured the best Shorthorn bulls suitable. Berehaven herds in those days were famous all over Ireland for their thriving qualities. Now the farmers were not allowed to keep any but Kerry bulls, which had produced "scrubs" so far. "No wonder that the cattle are unsaleable," is his conclusion.

REPERTORY DRAMA IN THE FREE STATE.

A YEAR'S PROGRESS REVIEWED.

The year which ends to-day has seen a noteworthy advance in the repertory theatre movement in the Irish Free State. No longer is the cultivation of the dramatic art confined to schools in Dublin and one or two other centres, but in every county town in the State there have sprung up dramatic societies which are doing admirable work. It is only within the last five or six years that the Irish people turned their attention to modern Irish and English plays; but the advance that has been made was clearly demonstrated at the Tailteann Games held in August last, when the competition for dramatic art attracted entries from such centres as Cork, Limerick, and Dundalk, as well as from the City of Dublin. The competitors all were amateurs, and their acting was of such a character as to extract from the adjudicator, Mr. Nugent Monck, a representative of the Little Theatre movement in England, the statement that "the acting material he had seen was really wonderful—more so than anything he had seen in England." It had convinced him, he said, "that acting is second nature to the Irish," and he was "overjoyed that it is being cultivated along the right lines." The premier award in the competition was won by the Dundalk players, while the Societies from Cork and Limerick won high praise.

In Dublin the interest that is taken in the art is increasing. The year 1928 has been the most successful in the history of the Abbey Theatre from the "box office" point of view. In pursuance of its policy the theatre has produced a number of new plays, amongst which were Brinsley Macnamara's "The Master," T. C. Murray's "Blind Wolf," a one-act play, "Before Midnight," by Gerald Brosnan; "Full Measure," by Kathleen O'Brennan, and "Far Off Hills," by Lennox Robinson. In addition, the Abbey Theatre Company presented Ibsen's "John Gabriel Borkman," Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma," Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," and made a new departure by presenting Shakespeare's "King Lear." The company played a three-weeks' season in Cork, as they have done for some years past; an interesting innovation was a season in Belfast, where they played for a week to large audiences, George's Shiel's "Professor Tim" and Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock."

While the Abbey Theatre Company has had such excellent success, it is gratifying to know that satisfactory progress can be reported of the two auxiliary branches of the company, if one may so term the Abbey Theatre School of Ballet and the Abbey Theatre School of Acting. The idea of an Abbey School of Ballet originated with Mr. W. B. Yeats, following a visit to Cambridge where he saw ballet performed under Madamoiselle de Valois. The aim of the school is to establish a centre in Dublin for the training of dancers for the theatre in both classical and modern ballet, and it is hoped in time to have the art of the ballet a recognised part of the general scheme of productions at the Abbey Theatre. Between twenty and thirty pupils are in training, and already they have given public performances, including the presentation of the Irish ballet "The Faun," composed by Mr. Harold R. White, which won the prize of £50 offered by the directors of the Abbey Theatre.

A SCHOOL OF ACTING.

The School of Acting is perhaps more interesting still. Here those who are desirous of following the dramatic art seriously can enter classes and graduate. A matter from which the Abbey Theatre suffered to some extent in the past was that people applied for small walking on parts, and afterwards described themselves, particularly outside Ireland, as "late of the Abbey Theatre." To prevent that abuse it is now intended that those who later on take parts in the No. 1 Company shall have graduated through the school and taken their certificates—though the school is not intended for the Abbey Company alone. Pupils have to pass through a junior class, and take an examination before entering the senior class, from which they go on to a finishing class, before they are given a chance to appear with the Abbey Company. Started in October, 1927, the school has made considerable progress, and in November last the pupils gave a public performance of Quintero's "Women have their Way" at the Abbey Theatre. Some very promising pupils were seen on that occasion, and there will be further opportunity to appraise their worth when, at the end of the coming term, the school runs a six weeks' season of their own.

A society which to a certain extent can be regarded as allied to the Abbey Theatre Company, in so far as it has called on members of the Company in its productions, is the Dublin Drama League. Composed of a number of keen enthusiasts, it has been responsible for the production of many plays by continental playwrights which otherwise would not have been seen in Dublin. Its productions, as a rule, were staged on Sunday nights, and to these in large measure is due the popularity of the "Abbey Sunday nights." The season ran from September to April or May, but the programme was not restarted this autumn in view of the establishment of yet another very interesting society—the Dublin Gate Theatre. The fear naturally was felt that there might not be room for two such societies, but events have proved otherwise, and the Dublin Drama League will start its activities again early in the new year.

The Dublin Gate Theatre movement, which is to some extent a branch of the London Gate Theatre movement, was established in September last, with headquarters at the Peacock Theatre, Dublin, with the object of producing modern and progressive plays, the work of authors from other countries in Europe. By arrangement, the directors were able to secure from the Gate Theatre, London, plays not otherwise available. The theatre is established on a subscription basis, and there are several hundred members. Starting in October last, the theatre has completed a successful half season, during which there were produced Ibsen's "Peer Gynt," Eugene O'Neill's "Hairy Ape," MacLiammoir's English version of "Diarmuid and Grainne," and Oscar Wilde's "Salome," the last-named being produced publicly for the first time in these countries.

A CONTROVERSY.

Quite the most interesting happening in the repertory theatre world of the Irish Free State was the refusal by the Abbey directors to accept Sean O'Casey's new play, "The Silver Tassie." It gave rise to a very lively correspondence, but the play was not produced.

It would not be right to conclude a review of the year's activities in the dramatic life of Dublin, and of the happenings at the Abbey Theatre, without reference to the marked success which attended the three weeks' season of productions by the Anew McMaster "Intimate" Shakespearean Company—a group of players who have been touring the country for the past three or four years, and who must have contributed enormously by their example to the fostering of that love of the dramatic art which is now everywhere so evident through the Irish Free State. Besides plays of Shakespeare, the company produced others of special interest, the revival of "A School for Scandal" giving occasion for the re-appearance in Dublin of Sir Frank Benson, who played Sir Peter Teazle.

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LONDON STOCK MARKETS CHEERFUL.

THE OUTLOOK FOR 1929.

THE INFLUENCE OF NEW YORK.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.
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In attempting to gauge the probable course of Stock Exchange securities in 1929 one is driven to the conclusion that very much will depend upon New York. America is so important a factor in our market now that it seems almost useless to discuss the effect of a reduction in the Bank rate early in the new year, supposing that came about, except as regards the influence of such a movement upon the sentiment of speculators. American capitalists are now very largely interested in our securities, and an increase of this interest will mean that values will be appraised, not upon intrinsic merits, but upon the probable level to which American purchases are likely to carry prices—in other words, what New York is prepared to pay.

FORD MOTORS.

Take, for example, Ford Motor shares. The business in England may prove to be so successful that the present quotation will be justified, but many operators on this side have, at least, a doubt upon the point, and, in any case, a long period must elapse before the matter is proved. Ninety shillings is a big price to pay for a 10s. paid share which cannot possibly pay dividends for a considerable time to come. As is well known, the price has been carried to this substantial premium entirely on New York buying, and the great rise cannot be wholly attributed to a bear position in Wall street. Speculators there have chosen the share as a good medium for their operations, and, so far, they have been justified. It may be different when and if they decide to sell.

INFLUENCE OF AMERICA.

It seems likely, therefore, that the valuation of some shares will be based not on dividend-earning capacity, present or future, but upon what America is likely to pay for them. This is not altogether satisfactory, for at some future time America may decide to get rid of a certain share, and in that event the price might fall so sharply as to lead to trouble on this side. Another unsatisfactory aspect of the business is the tendency for valuations generally to be based on what is really a false level. Most of the shares which have been lifted by American purchases now stand at a price giving an exceedingly small yield, or no yield at all. If this feature became much more general, as a result of speculation either by the American or English public, it would mean that, broadly speaking, values were inflated. There is only one end to inflation, whether it relates to a note issue or to Stock Exchange securities. Ultimately prices must descend to their true level, a process that may bring widespread losses. Evidently, however, London must be prepared for a continuation of American buying of English securities, and it can only be hoped that the public here will not be misled as to the real significance of the movement.

AN INFLATIONARY TENDENCY.

Investors here should remember that America is so rich and many of her operators did so well out of the 1928 boom in stocks that they can still afford to pay absurdly high prices for anything in our market that they fancy. After the war the prediction was occasionally made that in time we should see a restoration of the London market for American railroad shares. Instead of that, the chances are that New York will become a big market for our own securities while retaining the railroad and other investments bought from us during the war. Where American operations have carried prices to a level which years ago would have been regarded as ridiculous, based on the interest yield, it would be well for investors on this side to let America keep the shares. Certainly they should not be bought back at fancy prices, but, instead, investors here should concentrate upon other industrial investments which have not come under the influence of Wall street operations.

STRENGTH OF INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

Taking a broad view of the outlook for markets in the new year, and ignoring for the moment the influence of America, the disposition is to look for a continuance of activity, with the trend of prices in favour of holders. This view is undoubtedly encouraged by the appreciation in Gilt-edged Stocks towards the end of 1928, because that movement was in face of some adverse circumstances—in particular, the heavy loss of gold, and the much weaker position of the Bank of England. Nobody, however, appears to consider the possibility of a rise in the official value of money as a result of this weaker position, and a reassuring circumstance is the sharp movement in our favour lately in the principal foreign exchanges, particularly those of America and Germany. This movement seems to point to the end of the gold exports, in which case the position of the bank should gradually improve, thus inducing a hope, if not belief, in a period of cheaper money. A general reduction in interest rates, which would follow a fall in the Bank rate, would lead to a further improvement in Gilt-edged securities, and would probably give a fresh stimulus to speculation.

THE BULLISH TEMPERAMENT.

What has to be reckoned with is a condition of optimism. In America there are sound reasons for this, while on this side it is hoped that the future will see a real recovery in trade. Failing dearer money or some adverse development which cannot be visualised at present, the prevalent disposition is to expect a continuance of good markets generally. Prices cannot rise indefinitely, but when speculators have done well in certain directions they are likely to turn their attention to others, and especially to departments of the House which have been depressed at a time when other sections were booming. It would seem, therefore, that if the bullishness continues we may see it expressed in two sections where the present level of prices gives scope for a recovery—those for Home Rails and Rubber Shares. As to the former, much will depend upon the character of the dividends for the second half of 1928, and any indication these may afford of ability to reduce working expenses. If the dividends prove to be fairly satisfactory, it is likely to create the impression that the worst of the depression has been witnessed, and that future results will mark a turning point. Something similar will probably be witnessed in Rubber Shares, and in both sections prices may enjoy an appreciable recovery, not because the position has really improved, but simply because values have fallen so much from the highest of recent years.

DUBLIN BANKS' CLEARING.

ANOTHER FAVOURABLE DIFFERENCE.

To	1928. £	1927. £	Difference. £
June 30	129,191,300	123,583,800	+5,607,500
Week ending			
July 7...	5,845,000	4,787,300	+1,057,700
July 14...	4,604,300	4,611,000	− 6,700
July 21...	4,930,700	4,500,200	+ 430,500
July 28...	4,162,500	4,098,000	+ 64,500
Aug. 4...	4,895,200	4,622,400	+ 272,800
Aug. 11...	3,893,300	4,400,400	− 507,100
Aug. 18...	4,809,200	4,654,000	+ 155,200
Aug. 25...	4,279,000	4,062,000	+ 217,000
Sep. 1...	4,112,000	4,386,000	− 274,000
Sep. 8...	4,840,500	4,165,000	+ 675,500
Sep. 15...	4,356,600	4,550,000	− 193,400
Sep. 22...	4,545,000	3,980,800	+ 564,200
Sep. 29...	4,296,700	4,465,500	− 168,800
Oct. 6...	6,072,900	5,464,100	+ 608,800
Oct. 13...	4,616,700	4,696,200	− 79,500
Oct. 20...	4,758,000	4,853,200	− 95,200
Oct. 27...	4,509,500	4,603,600	− 94,100
Nov. 3...	5,482,600	5,141,300	+ 341,300
Nov. 10...	4,683,400	4,516,900	+ 166,500
Nov. 17...	5,195,000	5,087,200	+ 107,800
Nov. 24...	4,513,500	4,585,400	− 71,900
Dec. 1...	4,470,100	5,572,500	−1,102,400
Dec. 8...	5,370,500	5,360,600	+ 9,900
Dec. 15...	5,236,200	7,638,600	−2,402,400
Dec. 22...	5,000,900	5,170,200	− 169,300
Dec. 29...	2,759,900	4,895,800	−2,135,900
	251,630,500	248,452,000	+3,178,500

Total for years.	£		£
1920	454,080,700	1924	279,369,900
1921	362,903,500	1925	263,108,300
1922	320,390,600	1926	244,653,800
1923	316,956,600	1927	248,452,000
		1928	251,630,500

Difference of 1928 over 1927, £3,178,500.

The adverse differences on the previous years are shown below since 1920, when the slump began:—

	£
1921 ...	91,177,200†
1922 ...	42,512,900*
1923 ...	3,434,000
1924 ...	37,586,700
1925 ...	16,261,600
1926 ...	18,454,500
Total since 1920 ...	209,426,900

The first favourable difference was at the close of 1927, and amounted to £4,267,700.

The favourable difference this year is lower than for 1927, but the deficiency noticeable in the December differences is due to the unusual payments last year for the Second National Loan. The week which expired on December 29 is small on account of the holidays. The corresponding week last year included the end of the year payments.

†Transfer of Imperial Government to Free State.
*Separate exchange formed in Belfast.

DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

RISES AND FALLS OF THE WEEK.

The following are the rises and falls in stocks and shares dealt in on Dublin Stock Exchange during the past week as compared with last price on December 21:—

RISES.

	Price Dec. 21.	Price Dec. 28.	
Land Bonds	94⅛	94 5/16	+3/16
Consols	55⅜	56	+⅝
5 p.c. War Loan	102⅛	102¼	+⅛
Conversion Loan...	78¾	79⅛	+⅜
Land Stock, 1921	66⅞	67	+⅛
Do. Do. 1909	64⅝	64¾	+⅛
Bank of Ireland ...	314	315	+1
Hibernian Bank ...	10¼	10½	+¼
Great North. Pref.	43¾	44	+¼
Great South. Ord.	16¼	16½	+¼
Do. Do. Pref....	37½	39½	+2
Do. Do. Deb....	59	59½	+½
B.A.T.	123/6	124/3	+ 0/9
Coats Ord.	67/7½	68/10½	+ 1/3
Chartered (B.S.A.).	31/9	33/7½	+1/10½
Celanese Ord.	34/0	35/6	+ 1/6
Crowe, Wilson Pref.	11/3	12/3	+ 1/0
Chem. Indus. Def.	14/3	14/6	+ 0/3
Dunlops	23/1½	23/4½	+ 0/3
Dub. Dist. Ord. Stk	35½	35⅝	+⅛
Dublin Dist. "A"	1/3 p.m.	1/6 p.m.	+ 0/3
Ford Motors (10/- paid)	44/10½	86/0	+41/1½
Guinness Ord. ...	42¼	42½	+¼
Guinness Pref. ...	11	11⅛	+⅛
Marconi Marine ...	68/0	78/6	+10/6
Marconi	78/3	78/10½	+ 0/7½
Margarine Unie ...	59/6	62/6	+ 3/0
Margarine Union ...	58/9	62/3	+ 3/6
Shells	117/6	117/9	+ 0/3
Vickers	12/7½	13/0	+ 0/4½
Victoria Grams. ...	2/7½	3/1½	+ 0/5½

FALLS.

	Price Dec. 21.	Price Dec. 28.	
Courtaulds	86/9	86/0	− 0/9
Burke Ord.	41/6	41/0	− 0/6
Burke Pref.	61/6	61/0	− 0/6
Irish Times 5½ p.c.	76/6	76/0	− 0/6

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

MORE BORROWING AT THE BANK.

Short credit remained in plentiful supply on Saturday, being further augmented by the borrowing of another large sum from the Bank of England, which institution also discounted some more bills for the market. The general charge for renewals, however, was 3½ p.c., but fresh advances until to-day were offering at 2¾ down to 2 p.c.

Bank Rate Discount (changed April 21, 1927)	4½ %			
60 days (fine)	4 13/32 %			
3 months	4 13/32 %	Trade......	4½	5 %
4 "	4 13/32 %	"	4¾	5 %
6 "	4 7/16 %	"	5	5½ %
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day			3	2 %
for a week			4	5 %
Deposit Allowance; Banks at Call				2½ %
Discount Houses at Call........				2½ %
at Notice......				2¾ %

Loans into the new year commanded up to 5 p.c., while weekly advances were made at 4½ p.c., with 4 p.c. charged for renewing fixtures.

There was not much doing in discounts, but rates were easy on the Treasury bill results. The general quotation for fine commercial bills was 4⅜ p.c. to under, while the "hot" Treasuries were not better than 4½ p.c.

There were no bullion operations at the Bank.

Silver was unchanged at 26 1/16d. per ounce for spot and 26¼d. for forward delivery. Gold remained at 84s. 11½d. per ounce fine.

In the foreign exchange market sterling on New York was weaker, but German and Swiss rates moved in favour of London.

	Dec. 29. Closing Rates		Dec. 28. Closing Rates		Par Rate
New York..	4.85 7/16	4.85½	4.85 13/32	4.85 15/32	4.866
Montreal ...	4.86¾	4.86⅞	4.86 13/16	4.86 15/16	4.866
Paris........	124.05	124.10	124.00	124.05	124.21
Amsterdam	12.07¾	12.08	12.07⅝	12.07⅞	12.107
Athens	374½	375¼	374½	375¼	375
Barcelona..	29.74	29.76	29.76	29.78	25.22½
Berlin........	20.38¼	20.38½	20.38	20.38¼	20.43
Brussels.....	34.87	34.88	34.87	34.87½	35.00
Copenhagen	18.17¼	18.17½	18.17½	18.18	18.159
Geneva.......	25.17	25.17½	25.15½	25.16	25.22½
Helsingfors	192¾	193	192⅞	193⅛	193.23
Oslo..........	18.18¾	18.19¼	18.18¾	18.19¼	18.159
Prague	163⅝	163⅞	163¾	163⅞	24.02
Rome.........	92.75	92.80	92.72	92.75	92.46
Stockholm .	18.10½	18.11	18.10	18.10½	18.159
Vienna.......	34.44	34.47	34.44	34.47	34.58
Warsaw	43 3/16	43 7/16	43 3/16	43 7/16	43.38
B. Ayres.....	47 9/32	47 5/16	47 9/32	47 5/16	47.58d.
Lima 90 dys	19/8 p.c. pm.		19/8 p.c. pm.		par
Mexico	23.85d.		23.85d.		24.58d
Montevideo	50⅝d.	51d.	50½d.	51d.	51d.
Rio de Jan..	5 57-64	5 59-64	5 57-64	5 29/32	5 29/32
Valparaiso	39.68		39.67		40
Calcutta.....	1/6 3-64	1/6 5-64	1/6 1/16	1/6 5-64	18d
Kobe (p.yn.)	1/10 11/16	1/10¾	1/10 11/16	1/10 23/32	24.58d
Shanghai....	2/7¼	2/7 13/16	2/7¼	2/7⅞	—
Singapore...	2/3 27/32	2/3 31/32	2/3 27/32	2/3 31/32	2/4

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

THE OUTLOOK.

A continuance of activity in Industrials during 1929 is to be expected, though the course of the market must depend upon a number of factors which are at present uncertain. As a result of the Industrial boom of 1928 and the great publicity given to Stock Exchange dealings a very wide circle of investors has become interested. The number of new Industrial undertakings has increased very greatly, and will continue to grow as fresh inventions and new processes require capital for their exploitation. At the same time the progress made by companies of recent origin will be followed very keenly. If a large proportion of these fail to "make good" the effect will naturally be to discourage further adventures of a similar kind (says *The Sunday Times*). A more optimistic feeling prevails regarding the basic industries of the country, mainly because of the progress that has been made towards reducing overhead costs by suitable amalgamations. Some assistance is also hoped for in consequence of the Government's derating plans, while the extension of the principle of safeguarding may provide temporary aid in special cases where Continental competition is most severe. Owing to the heavy gold drain in recent weeks no very confident view can be taken of the money outlook, though it may reasonably be expected that conditions will begin to improve soon after the turn of the year. Progress has been made in the direction of providing for maturing National Debt, but the question of the £2,000,000,000 of War Loan 5 per Cent. Stock, which the Government has the option to repay during 1929, has yet to be settled. On the whole the national credit is still rising, and a renewal of the advance in British Government Securities may be looked for. Although the dividend announcements in respect of the past half-year are awaited with anxiety in view of the heavy falling-off in gross earnings, a more hopeful view is now taken of the future of the Home Railway market. It is expected that the companies will utilise their road powers to make agreements with the more important road transport services for the interchange of traffic. The extension of cheap fare facilities and the abolition of restrictions on the use of cheap tickets should bring back revenue that has been temporarily lost to the motor coaches. But in the main the railways must rely upon a recovery in general trade for increased traffic and larger profits. Argentine crop news is favourable, and another prosperous year seems to be in store for the railways of that country, especially as they are affected only to a minor extent by road motor competition. Apart from the trouble in Afghanistan, the Foreign political outlook appears satisfactory. The position in China is materially better than at this time last year, and Chinese loans are gradually returning to favour, though there is much to be accomplished before they achieve their former status as investments.

WHY GILT-EDGED SECURITIES ARE STRONG.

An authoritative view of the present position of Gilt-edged securities was given to a representative of *The Observer* in the course of an interview. The attention of the speaker was drawn to the quotation of 102 1/16 for the Five per cent. War Loan, with the suggestion that this was a very good price for the stock. "Yes, the price is certainly a very good one," was the reply. "The market position with regard to the 5 per cent. War Loan, and, in fact, the whole of the gilt-edged section, has been greatly affected by the King's illness. Up to the point, about a month ago, when the King's illness took such a serious turn, gilt-edged stocks had been the strong feature in the House. When the very serious state of the King's health, however, became known, dealers in this section marked down prices and lightened their books as much as possible. When the King appeared to be taking a better turn the demand for War Loan was revived, and dealers were caught without the usual well-filled books to supply the need. The position here, therefore, is rather in the nature of what is known as a 'bear' squeeze. This position, as I said, exists more or less throughout the market for Government stocks." "What is your opinion of the future course of the Gilt-edged market?"—"Well, I think it is becoming generally realised that we have now reached a point at which the credit of this country must gradually improve. We appear to be at the end of the very serious drain of gold, and the recovery in the American exchange to 4.85 11/16 has put a great deal of fresh heart into this market. There is another factor also which is a good point. I think that most of our banks have allowed their holdings of gilt-edged securities to run down to a minimum. Any demand for increased credit facilities which may be occasioned by a recovery in trade will, therefore, be met without the banks having to realise gilt-edged stocks to provide the necessary liquid resources."

BUYING PROSPECTS.

Dealing started on Friday in the new trust, Rhodesian Anglo-American, Ltd., some transactions taking place at between 26s. 3d. and 27s. 6d. The new trust, which has the support of the leading Rhodesian and South African mining interests, has a capital of £2,500,000 in 10s. shares. All the capital has been issued, 3,604,025 shares at 12s. 6d. and 1,395,975 at 13s. 6d. It is thus obvious, when the price at which the dealings have begun is considered, that a very large profit, on paper at least, accrues to those with whom the company placed the shares (says *The Observer*). In other words, the company received in all just under £3,200,000 for its shares, which the market appears to value at £6,875,000. It is, of course, unlikely that a large proportion of the shares will come on the market, but it does seem hard on the outside investor that so large a premium should be charged to him for participation in the company as compared with that paid by insiders. He may, of course, be buying good prospects, but it seems fair to ask why, if the prospects are so valuable, the company itself did not obtain a larger share of the surplus.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP.

President Machado, of Cuba, has signed a decree approving the recommendation of the National Sugar Defence Commission that the 1929 sugar crop should be unrestricted and also providing for the continuance of the Government Export Company, which during the past two years sold all sugar destined for markets other than that of the United States. It is stated that sugar producers for the present may sell through private channels instead of through the company. The Export Company's functions during the coming year are limited by the decree to the compilation of sugar production statistics and the dissemination of propaganda regarding Cuban sugar. Cane cutting has started in several sugar centres preparatory to starting the grindings on January 1. A total production of 4,800,000 tons is forecast, as compared with last year's 4,000,000 tons under Government crop restriction.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Acetate Products (12/6 paid), 12/-10/- dis.; do. Def., 9d.-1/3. Adlam (George), 1/9-2/3. Aeonic Radio, 4/6-5/-. Amalgamated Tobacco Trust Ord. (10/- paid), ½-1 pm.; do. 7 p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 2/-1/- dis. Anglo-Foreign Pulp (fully paid), 9/16-11/16; do. Def., 6/6-7/-. Anti-Dazzle Screens (Canada), 1/9-2/-. Antwerp Oil Wharves (3/- paid), 6d. dis.-par. Anty Sag (fully paid), 1/4½-1/10½. Associated British Cinemas Ord., 4/9-5/3. Auto-Portraits (fully paid), 1/9-2/3. Baldwins (fully paid) 6 p.c. Debs., 97¾-8¾; do. Ord., 1/1½-1/4½ pm. Bank of San Paulo 6 p.c. Bonds (£15 paid), 2¼-1¾ dis. Barratt (W.) (fully paid), 23/9-24/3; do. 7 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 21/-21/6. Belgian Electric Bonds, 96-7. Birmingham 4½ p.c. (£60 paid), 5⅛-3⅛ dis. Blue Bird Petrol Ord. (fully paid), 3/3-3/9; do. Def., 1/4½-1/7½; do. (Foreign) Ord. (3/- paid), 1/3-9d. dis.; do. Def., 1/1½-1/4½. Bowater's Paper Mills Ord., 1¾-2; do. 6 p.c. Debs., 98¾-9¾x. Brewers and Distillers of Vancouver (new), 16/10½-17/4½. British Oil Lighting (1/-) 2/-2/6. British Radio Gram. 8 p.c. (fully paid) 13/16-⅞; do. Def., 3/3-3/9. British Tintex and Dye (fully paid), 4/9-5/3 B.A. Great Southern 6 p.c. Pref., 10 11/16-15/16. Bulgaria 7½ p.c. (£35 paid), 1-½ dis. Bullman Mach. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), ¾-⅞; do. Def., 1/7½-2/1½. Burmah Oil 5½ p.c. Debs., 106¾-7¼. Bussey Coal Distillation, 7/3-7/9. Campro Cameras and Films Def., 2/1½-2/7½. "Catseye" (Parent) Def., 9d.-1/3. Celebritone (fully paid), 9d.-1/3. Ciro Pearls (Holdings) Ord., 7/7½-8/1½; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 8/9-9/3. City and Provincial Trust (5/-) (3/- paid), 1/3-9d. dis. Clark's Bread, 18/1½-18/7½. Clayton Dewandre Ord. (10/- paid), 2/-1/- dis.; do. Def., 1/3-1/9. Cologne 6 p.c. Bonds (fully paid), 94½-5. Colour Snapshots (fully paid), 4/3-4/9; do. (Foreign), 1/3-1/9. Combined Pulp Paper (fully paid), 1 3/16-5/16; do. Def., 4/9-5/3. Continental and Industrial Trust 4½ p.c. Debs. (£40 paid), 1¼-¾ dis. Continental Waste Food Products, 4/1½-4/7½. Continuous Grams. (fully paid), 1/9-2/3. Corona Wine (fully paid), 6/3-6/9. Coventry Gauge, 1/7½-2/1½. Davies Bros. (1928), 4/9-5/9. Decca Gramophone, 1 11/32-15/32x. Dominion Gram. Records (Foreign and Colonial) 10 p.c. Pref. (3/- paid), 3/-2/- dis.; do. Def., 6d. dis.-par. Dutton's Brewery Ord. (fully paid), 18/9-19/3; do. 7 p.c. Pref., 20/-21/-. English Stockings (1/6 paid), 9d.-3d. dis. Ever Ready Trust (5/- paid), par-6d. pm. Everlite Ord., 6/6-7/-. Fabrique de Sucre de Vierzy, 8-¼. Ford Motors Ord. (10/- paid), 3-⅛ pm. Frederick Lawrence Ord., 1/3-1/9; do. 8 p.c. Pref., 8/10½-9/4½. Fremlins Ord. (7/6 paid), 3/6-4/- pm.; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (7/6 paid), 1/9-2/3 pm. Friary Holroyd and Healy Breweries (£1) (fully paid), 39/3-40/3. Fulton (William) Ord., 7/9-8/3. Gamage (West End) 7½ p.c. Pref. (8/6 paid), 8/1½-8/7½; do. Ord. (8/6 paid), 5/6-4/6 dis. General Tobaccos, 1/9-2/3. Goldberger (S. F.) 7½ p.c. Debs., 95½-6½. Greek 6 p.c. Bonds (£15 paid), 2-1¾ dis. Guardax Safety Glass, 1/6-2/-. Hackney Furn. ('28) Ord. (10/- paid), 5/-4/- dis.; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 4/6-3/6 dis. Hamburg Waterworks 6 p.c. (£20 paid), ⅛ dis.-⅛ pm. Henlys (1928) Ord., 7/-7/6; do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 18/9-19/9. Hodsman (Geo.) and Sons (1928) 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 8/9-9/3; do. Ord., 1/1½-1/4½. Illingworth Carbonization, 7/4½-7/10½. Industrial Finance & Invest. Ord. (£1) (15/- paid), ⅝-¾ pm.; do. 6½ p.c. Pref. (£1) (12/6 paid), 1/- dis.-par. Initial Services (1928) 8 p.c. Pref., 21/9-22/-. Do. Ord., 5/9-6/3. International Vacuum Power, 1/10½-2/4½. Inveresk Paper (New) Ord., 3¼-½. Itonia Grams. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 4/3-4/9. Do. Ord., 1/9-2/-. James Booth (1915) Ord. (fully paid), 2⅞-3. Do. 7 p.c. Pref. (7/6 paid), 2/-2/6 pm. John Gardner (London) Ord. (5/- paid), 1/7½-2/1½ pm. Do. 7½ p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 19/6-20/6. Komposill Universal, 5/4½-5/10½. Kreuger and Toll (New) Debs., 36½-7½. Lancegaye Safety Glass, /9-1/3. Leethems (Twilfit) 7 p.c. Pf. (10/- paid), /3 dis.-/3 pm. Do. Ord. (10/- paid), /3 dis.-/3 pm. Lewis (John) 7 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 21/9-22/3. McIlroy's Stores (fully paid), 3/9-4/3. Maidstone and District Motor Services 6½ p.c. Pref., /3-/9 pm. Marechal "A" Ord., 20/-21/-. Margate Estates 7 p.c. Debs. (12/- paid), 2/-1/- dis. Mayfair Elec. Grams. (fully paid), 1/6-2/-. Mersey Power 6 p.c. Pref. (5/- paid), 1/9-2/3 pm. Mid.-European Corp. (£55 paid) 5 p.c. Debs., 2½-1½ dis. Monte Carlo Club Ord., 2/-2/3. Do. 10 p.c. Pref., 4/9-5/3. Morrisons (Gowns) 8 p.c. Pref., 1/-/6 dis. Do. Ord., /9-1/3. Mulliners (Holdings) Ord., 1/7½-2/1½. Do. 10 p.c. Pfd. Ord. (fully paid), 8/-9/-. Munich (City) 6 p.c. Bonds (£35 paid), 2⅛-1⅝ dis. Newtonia Wallpaper Ord., 3/9-4/3. Nuttall's Brew. 6 p.c. (£35 paid), 2 dis.-par. Do. 7 p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), par-1/- pm. Odhams 6½ Debs. (£10 paid), ½-1½ pm. Orchorsol Gramophones, /6-/9. Pearl Auto. Machines (/6 paid), /1½ dis.-/1½ pm. Peru 6 p.c. Bonds (£60 paid), ⅛ dis.-⅛ pm. Photo-Matik, 1/-1/3. Do. (Foreign Rights), /3-/9. Polyphon, 4 5/16-7/16. Prices, Tailors, 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 8/3-8/9. Do. Ord., 1/3-1/9. Prussian Elec. 6 p.c. Bonds (£43½ paid), 1 dis.-par. Quebec Power 5 p.c. "A" Debs. (£47 paid), ⅝-⅜ dis. Radiovisor, Foreign and Colonial, 24/6-25/6. Rayne (H and M.), 8/4½-8/10½. Recordaphones 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 3/3-3/9. Do. Def., 1/3-1/9. Richings Park Estate 7 p.c. 1st Mort. Debs., 94½-5½. Saarbruecken 6 p.c. (£30 paid), ⅛-⅜ pm. S. and M. (1928) Ord., 2/1½-2/4½. Do. 8 p.c. Pref., 10/4½-10/10½. Saxone Shoe 6½ p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), 1/4½-1/10½ pm. Scottish Coal Products, 3/-3/6. Selected Inv. Trust (3/6 paid), /6 dis.-/6 pm. Solidol (France) (fully paid), 1/-1/6. Southern Rhodesia (£37 paid), 1⅜-⅛ dis. Standard Bank of South Africa (New), 5-⅛ pm. Standard Wood Pulp, 15/6-16/6. Sunbeam Art Silk (fully paid), 1/6-2/-. Super Automatic, 3/4½-3/10½. Sydney 5¼ p.c. Debs. (£18½ paid), ⅝-⅜ dis. Symphony Grams. (fully paid), 2/9-3/-. Taylors (Cash Chemists) London Prefd. Ord., 8/9-9/3. Do. Ord., 2/3-2/6. Tocuyo Oilfields (fully paid), 17/9-18/3. Tor Invest. (New) Ord. (fully paid), 26/3-26/9. Treasury 4½ p.c. Bonds (1932-1934) (£10 paid), 9¾-10. Do. (fully paid), 98½-¾. Tri-Chrome Photos and Films, 1/6-2/6. Turner Auto. Machines (fully paid), 7/9-8/3. United Match 8 p.c. Prefd. (12/6 paid), 4/9-4/3 dis. Do. Def., 3/-3/6. United Picture Theatres 10 p.c. Prefd. Ord. (10/- paid), 2/6-1/6 dis. Universal Gram. (fully paid), 2/6-2/9. Victoria Gramophones, 2/9-3/3. Weymann Motor Bodies Ord., 18/6-19/6. Whittaker Auto. Looms Def., 2/9-3/3. Do. 8 p.c. Prefd. (fully paid), 3/9-4/3. Whitworth and Mitchell (fully paid), 2 9/16-11/16. Wiggins, Teape and A. Pirie (fully paid), 19/9-20/3. Wyndham's Marine Patents Ord. (15/- paid), ½-⅝ pm. Yeo (John) Ord., 12/6-13/6. Do. 7½ p.c. Pref., 20/9-21/9.

BIG ORDER FOR BEARDMORE'S.

William Beardmore and Co., shipbuilders, of Dalmuir, are reported to have received an order from the Indian State Railway to provide forty-four large locomotives. The contract represents almost £350,000.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ASSOCIATED COAL CONSUMERS.—Net loss for year to June 30, 1928, £3,703 (against £4,112). After crediting £805 premium on shares issued and £123 profit on realisation of investments, a debit of £4,663 brought forward is increased to £7,437.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA CORPORATION.—Loss £22,034, as against loss of £21,499. A sum of £35,000 has been paid off the Debenture debt. Total debit balance, £266,368.

BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY.—Holders of Debentures Bonds to Bearer, amounting to £155,000, falling due on January 3, 1929, are notified that the directors are prepared to renew the Debentures at £100 5/- per £100 for a further two years at 5 per cent., provided holders accept before noon on January 2.

GLASGOW ALHAMBRA.—Dividends of 15 per cent. and 8 per cent., less tax, respectively on Pref. and Ord. Shares. (Last year Ord. dividend was 10 per cent.)

GOLD COAST CONSOLIDATED LANDS.—It is proposed that the company be dissolved and re-registered under the same name with a capital of £35,000 in 2/- Ord. shares, the new company to take over the undertaking on the following basis: Payment by the new company of debts and liabilities; allotment in capital in new company of one fully-paid 2/- share for each Preferred Ordinary 2/- share in old company; allotment in capital of new company of one fully paid 2/- share for every four Ordinary 2/- shares; new company to issue at par £7,500 of working capital shares in order to pay off the present indebtedness and to place the now company in funds

GOODWIN FOSTER BROWN.—Directors have declared dividend at 5½ per cent. per annum on Preference shares for half-year ending December 31, 1928.

HARDYS CROWN BREWERY.—Interim dividend declared at 10 per cent. per annum, less tax, on Ord. Shares for quarter. (Last year same.)

ITONIA GRAMOPHONES.—The statutory report states that the directors are pleased to announce that since the incorporation of the company the sales show a satisfactory increase over those of the corresponding period of last year, and they have every confidence that sales will continue to increase.

JOHNSON, COLE, BRIER AND CORDREY.—Interim dividend at rate of 7 per cent. per annum, less tax, on Ord. Shares

JAVA UNITED PLANTATIONS.—Interim dividend of 7 per cent., less tax. (Last year 10 per cent. was paid.)

NORTH OF SCOTLAND CANADIAN MORTGAGE.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent., less tax. (Same as last year.)

PANAMA CORPORATION.—Progress report states that the mule track between Santa Fe and the Atlantic coast is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The preliminary prospecting work carried out in the Veraguas area has shown surprising gold discoveries.

RHODESIAN SELECTION TRUST.—It is proposed to increase the capital from £500,000 to £1,000,000 by the creation of 2,000,000 5s. shares, ranking equally with the existing shares.

THOS. STEVENS, CONFECTIONER.—Interim dividend on the Ord. shares at rate of 6 per cent. per annum, tax free. (Same.)

VICTORIA PALACE.—Dividend of 20 per cent. (Same as for the previous six years.)

BIRMINGHAM MOTOR SHARE MARKET.

Friday's closing quotations:—Albion Motor, 59/6; Austin Ord., 12/3; do. B Pref., 19/9; do. Prefd. 20 p.c., 8/1½; do. Deb. 6½ p.c., 94 (x.d.); Birmingham Aluminium Castings, 26/9; Birmingham Small Arms, 8/-; Bluemel Bros., 46/9; Bowden Brake, 9d.; Brett's Stamping, 24/9; Brooks (J. B.), 22/6; Brown Bros., 25/6; do. Pref., 22/6; Components, 12/-; Coventry Chain, 32/3; Crossley Motors, 6/9; Dennis Bros., 65/3; Enfield Cycle, 21/9; Fisher and Ludlow, 21/9; Fodens, 16/6; Ford Motor (10/- paid), 65/- prem.; Guy Motors, 27/3; Halford Cycle, 50/6 x.d.; Hughes Johnson, 39/-; Humber, 18/7½; do. Pref., 16/3; James Cycle, 8/6; Leyland Motor, 29/-; Lucas (Jos.), 87/3; Matchless Motor Cycle, 6/1½; Maudslay, 23/9; Morris Pref., 19/3; Napier Ord., 53/9; do. 7½ p.c. Pref., 24/-; New Hudson, 7/6; New Imperial, 1/1½; do. Pref., 8/-; Riley (Coventry), 14/6; Rolls Royce, 40/9; Rovers, 10/-; Rudge-Whitworth, 8/-; do. Pref., 43/-; S.T.D. Motors, 4/9; do. Pref., 12/6; do. 8 p.c. Notes, 100; Scott Motor Cycle, 2/-; Serck Radiators, 42/3; Singer and Co., 36/6; do. Pref., 18/9; Smith (S.) and Sons Deferred, 6/9; Smith's Stamping, 22/9; Standard Motor, 7/3; Star Motor, 4/9; Stevens (A. J.), 14/3; Swift, 3/-; do. Pref., 4/-; Tilling-Stevens, 9/9; do. Pref., 18/4½; Triumph, 14/9 (x.d.); Vauxhall Motor Pref., 14/10½; Vulcan Motor, 3/9; Dunlop Rubber, 23/10½; do. A Pref., 22/9; do. B Pref., 23/3; Leyland Rubber, 23/6; Parent Trust Ord., 21/6; do. Pref., 15/-; do. Deferred, 36/- (x.d.).

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORTS.

SATURDAY.

Barometer, at 1 p.m., 29.50.

Wind and Weather—Fresh westerly winds; fine and clear.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Limerick, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Tiger, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Slievemore, Slieve Bawn, from Holyhead, with goods; Crewhill, from Waterford, with cement; Clarecastle, from Manchester, with empties; St. Fintan, from Ardrossan, with coals; Ashfield, from Garston, with coals; Glenageary, from Partington, with coals; Morion, from Ayr, with coals.

SUNDAY.

Barometer, at 12.30 p.m., 29.70.

Wind and Weather—Northly wind, light breeze; overcast; hail and sleet.

Foreign Arrivals—Thomas P. Beal, of Boston (U.S.A.) (3,642 tons), from Vancouver (B.C.) via Glasgow and Belfast, with general cargo; discharging at Transit Sheds, Alexandra Basin. City of Dublin, of Dublin (667 tons) from Antwerp via Belfast, with general cargo; discharging at Transit Sheds, North Wall Extension. Weser, of Bremerhaven (570 tons), from Hamburg, with general cargo; discharging at Transit Sheds, North Wall Extension.

Coastwise Arrivals—Lady Longford, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; Puma, from Glasgow, with passengers and goods; Yarrow, from Silloth, with passengers and goods; Lady Brussels, from Preston, with goods; Patricia, from Cardiff, with goods; Dorset Coast, from Liverpool, with goods; Mango, from Ayr, with coals; Mayflower, St. Mungo, from Garston, with coals; Glencullen, from Ardrossan, with coals; E. Hayward, from Birkenhead, with coals; Amy Summerfield, from Preston, with coals; Cornelian, from Troon, with coals; St. Oran, from Glasgow, with coals; Clareisland, from Liverpool, with empty barrels; Glen Helen, from Dingle, light; Doon Glen, from Annalong, light.

MANCHESTER MARKETS REVIEW.

DROP IN DANISH BUTTER.

FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.

As can only be expected, business throughout the week has been of a holiday character, buyers operating to cover depleted stocks and showing little or no disposition to buy on speculative lines. Perhaps, the most important feature of the week has been a drop of twenty kroner in the Danish official quotation, which now stands at 334 kroner per 100 kilos, as compared with 302 at the corresponding period of last year. There is no doubt the recent high prices had an adverse effect on demand, but a more definite idea of the position will be available with the termination of the holidays. The bacon position has also been somewhat indefinite, but this week-end Danish has been reduced 2s. to 3s. and Swedish 2s. to 5s. per cwt., according to selection, and both Irish and Dutch are nominally unchanged. Eggs generally rule quiet. According to official returns arrivals of pig meats to this country during the past six months have been slightly heavier than at the corresponding period of last year, but substantially in excess of the rate of import of 1926 and 1925. Compared with last year, there has been a trifling decrease in receipts of bacon—from 220,000 tons to 217,000 tons—but an increase of over 2,500 tons in the total increase of 18,000 tons in pork, while arrivals of hams were unaltered at about 25,000 tons in each six monthly period. In the case of bacon, the declining tendency in the imports from the United States and Canada has continued. Denmark has also sent a little less bacon, but there was a substantial increase in receipts from the Netherlands, while larger quantities came from the Irish Free State. Hams were received chiefly from the United States, but rather smaller quantities were supplied by Canada. Among the increases in pork may be mentioned fresh pork from the Irish Free State, which, at 9,000 tons, showed an increase over last year of about 1,000 tons, and frozen pork from New Zealand. Only 176 head of cattle and seven milch beasts were penned at Salford Cattle Market on Monday, and 150 sheep. Included in these totals were 70 Irish fat beasts, but no sheep, and the whole of the dairy cows were consigned from Ireland. Business was naturally of a holiday character, and this remark also applies to the Manchester Dead Meat, Pig and Poultry Markets.

EXPORTS FROM THE PORT OF DUBLIN.

The shipments of porter, ale, etc., from Dublin, as officially returned, for the period 20th to 26th December, 1928, inclusive, were 10,239 standard barrels of 36 gallons, on which the f.o.b. value for duty was declared at £33,832, against 26,613 barrels for previous week of £88,333 declared f.o.b. value. For the corresponding weeks of first-named period of 1927 and 1926 the exports of porter from Dublin were approximately 10,017 and 23,689 barrels respectively.

The shipments of plain Irish Free State spirits from Dublin for the period 20th to 26th December, 1928, inclusive, are officially returned as 89 proof gallons, on which declared f.o.b. value was £120, against 1,893 gallons for previous week of £2,003 declared f.o.b. value. For corresponding weeks of first-named period of 1927 and 1926 the shipments of whiskey from Dublin were approximately 2,724 and 1,649 gallons respectively.

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ALL SILK MAROCAIN — In fawn, saxe, beaver, navy and black. 36-38 ins. wide. Usual price, 5/11. per yard. Sale Price 3/11

MAROCAIN (Courtaulds) — 37-38 ins. wide. Fawn, saxe, rose, beige, grey, brown, tan, cocoa, navy, and black. Usual price, per yard, 4/11. Sale Price 2/11

PRINTED ART SILKS—In a large choice of designs and colourings. 36-37 ins. wide. Usual price, 2/11 to 3/11. Sale Price 1/11

FRENCH GOVT. SILK — (All Silk Ratine). 27-28 ins. wide. In ivory, saxe, almond, pink, beige, and flame. Usual price, 11½d. Sale Price 6½D.

COATING CORD VELOUR—All Wool, in grey, rose, wine, violet, Lido, navy and black. 54 ins. wide. Usual price, per yard, 7/11. Sale Price, 3/11

ALL-WOOL CUT VELOUR—54 ins. wide. In grey, fawn, beaver, tan, raisin, almond, wine, navy and black. Usual price, 10/11 per yard. Sale Price 4/11

DUVELENE VELOUR—Beautiful soft shades for Ladies' and Children's Coats. 54 ins. wide. In cocoa, rose, brown, rust and black. Usual price, 12/11 per yard. Sale Price 5/11

SUEDE VELOUR — All Wool, with check to match. In rust, brown and grey. 54 ins. wide. Usual price, per yard, 10/11. Sale Price 5/11

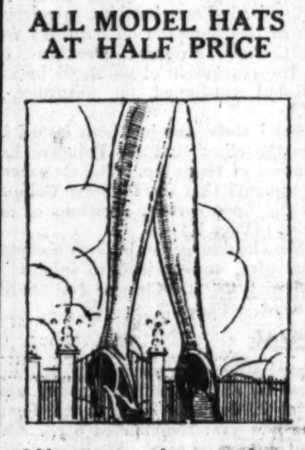
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Large Variety of Smart Hats, greatly reduced. Sale Price, 21/-, 15/6 10/6

Velvet and Felt Hats, in a variety of colours. Usual prices, 15/- to 21/-. Sale Price 5/-

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Oddments and manufacturers' samples in Lisle, Wool, and Artificial Silk. Sale Price 2/-

Ladies' Rayon Silk Hose, Lace clox and Slipper Heel. Kasha, Beige, Rosewood and Mole. Usual Price 5/11. Sale Price 3/11

Wonderful Offer of Ladies' Spun Silk Ribbed Hose in Peach and White only. Usual price, per pair 15/11. Sale Price 5/-

JUMPER SUITS, &c.

Ladies' two-piece Jumper Suit in strong Artificial Silk; Jumper has fashionable collar; Pleated Skirt. In all good shades. Sale Price 21/-

Ladies' Warm House Dress in two-piece Jumper shape, giving effect of three-piece. Made from fine stockinette in shades of Saxe, Tan, Rose, Navy and Cedar. Sale Price 27/9

UNDERWEAR

Ladies' Chemise Vest, made from a fine texture in opera top shape. Also L.N., S.S. Sale Price 2/11

Ladies' Corselette, strong Broche and well boned in front; finished four suspenders. In all sizes. Sale Price 6/11

HOUSEHOLD
TRAVELLERS' SAMPLES

Travellers' Samples of Sheets, Pillow Cases and other Household Linens clearing at half makers' prices

Pure Linen Huckaback Towels, very absorbent quality. Size, 33 ins. x 18 ins. Sale Price, per pair 1/-

Printed Bedspreads, buff ground, with coloured flowers. Single Bed size. Sale Price, each 3/6

OVERALLS

Ladies' Coat Overalls, with interchangeable buttons. These Coats are well cut and made from heavy quality casement cloth. Neatly trimmed at collar and cuffs with check material to tone. Sale Price 5/11

A small collection of good quality Gingham Belted Coat Overalls, in shades of blue, green, and rose only. Sale Price 4/11

200 MACS.

Wonderful Sale Offer of about 200 Macs. in many styles and qualities, all of which are thoroughly reliable garments. Usual prices 21/- to 29/6. Sale Price 15/-

SHOES

Ladies' Patent Court Shoes, smart toes, Louis heel. Sizes and half-sizes, 2 to 7. Sale Price 16/9

Ladies' Air Force Blue Glace 1-bar Shoes, smart toes, Louis heel. Sizes and half-sizes, 3 to 6 Sale Price 18/9



Exceptional Offer of Ladies' Beige Luxembourg Kid Gloves, with dainty cuffs of contrasting shades. All sizes. Usual price, 7/11 per pair. Sale Price, 2/11½

A limited number of Elastic-wrist Wool-lined Nappa Gloves, in beaver shade only. Sizes 6 to 6½. Usual price, per pair, 5/11. Sale Price, 3/6

CHILDRENS' FROCKS

Children's Coloured Velveteen Frocks in Saxe and Rose, to fit 3 to 6 years. Sale Prices, 5/11, 4/11, 3/11 and 2/11

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(FROM OUR COMMERCIAL CORRESPONDENT.
LIVERPOOL, Saturday.

Markets resumed after the holidays rather quietly, the amount of business done being only small, and the tendency of values generally lower. Compared with a week ago, palm oil is from 15s. to 20s. lower. To-day, however, the undertone is slightly harder. In the palm oil section home consumers and the U.S. have been only moderately interested. Lagos store oil is still held for £39, while January-February shipment, though quoted at £37 10s., has been done at a shade less. Soft oils near at hand have changed at £37 10s. down to £37 5s., compared with £38 2s. 6d. last week, while January-February on the quay offers at £36 15s., as against £37 12s. 6d. March-April eased 7s. 6d. to £36. Medium oils on spot are down 20s. at £37, while business has transpired in January-February at £36 15s., and in February-March at £36 5s. Hards on the spot and near at hand continue difficult to find, but for February-March arrival sellers are willing to accept £37 10s., with buyers at 5s. less. For Sherbros early shipment £37 10s. is asked, but buyers are indifferent. Following are spot quotations:—Lagos, £39; Sherbro, £38; Opobo, £37 5s.; Benin, £37 and Niger £38.

Palm kernels have been a quiet but steady market, and to this port £20 6s. 3d. and £20 5s. 9d. has been paid for January-February and February-March material respectively, with further buyers at 2s. 6d. less in each instance. Hull consumers have put through a little business paying £20 3s. 9d. for January-February shipment, with further buyers only at £20 1s. 3d. To the Northern Continent business has been light, £20 5s. having been accepted by shippers for January-February shipment material, and further buyers at anything else.

Copra has been a dull market, with December-January F.M.S. Straits offered down to £24 10s., January-February £25. Marseilles inactive, with kiln dried South Sea material more or less nominal. Ground nuts easier in trend, though the amount of business done, both in undecorticated and in the shell, has been only small. Nut oils quiet and unchanged; a remark that also applies to refined oils.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION OF DUBLIN.

NOTICE TO MOTORISTS.

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GERALD J. SHERLOCK,
Town Clerk.

Motor Registration Office,
26 Castle street, Dublin,
28th December, 1928. K.A.A.

DUBLIN PORT & DOCKS ACTS, 1898-1925.

Notice is hereby given that the undermentioned have been nominated as Candidates for Election as "Traders' Members" and as "Shipping Members" at the Election to be held in pursuance of the above Acts on Tuesday, 8th January, 1929.

CANDIDATES PROPOSED AS "TRADERS' MEMBERS":—
Crowe, William, 50 and 51 South Richmond street, Dublin.
McGloughlin, Charles Edmond, 47/54 Pearse street, Dublin.
Moran, James, "St. James's," Hollybrook Park, Clontarf.
O'Kelly, Charles Martin, 82 North Wall, Dublin.

CANDIDATES PROPOSED AS "SHIPPING MEMBERS":—
Baird, Walter, 71 North Wall, Dublin.
Hewat, William, 29 George's quay, Dublin.
Hollwey, James Bell, 11A Burgh quay, Dublin.
Roberts, Richard Dryhurst, 48/62 North Wall, Dublin.

E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Westmoreland street, Dublin, 29th December, 1928.

HOWTH URBAN DISTRICT, COUNTY DUBLIN.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The Commissioner administering the Affairs of the Urban District Council of Howth hereby gives Notice that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health has issued a Sealed Order declaring Part II., Part III. and Part X. of the Public Health Acts, Amendment Act, 1907, to be in force in the Urban County District of Howth on and after the First Day of January, 1929, subject to the adaptations following—that is to say, unless the context otherwise requires, references in any such Part of the Act to the inspector of nuisances, the medical officer and a highway or street repairable by the inhabitants at large, shall be construed as references respectively to a sanitary sub-officer, the medical officer of health of a dispensary district, and a road or street in the District in charge of or maintainable wholly or partly by or at the expense of the Commissioner.

By Order of the Commissioner,
JAMES MOORE, Town Clerk.
Council Office, Howth, 22nd December, 1928.

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Dublin Rotary Club—Clery's, 1 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat."
Theatre Royal—"Something New."
Olympia Theatre—"Sinbad the Sailor."
Abbey Theatre—"The Doctor's Dilemma."
Capitol—"London After Midnight," "Under the Tonto Rim," and Varieties.
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Grafton Cinema—"The News Parade."
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The Irish Times.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1928.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND

The Free State's adverse trade balance has fallen by £4,053,000 during the twelve months ending 30th November last—(Page 7.)

There has been some improvement in trade and commerce in Northern Ireland during the past twelve months, and the shipbuilding industry especially looks forward to the coming year with much hope.—(Page 8.)

GREAT BRITAIN

The King had a quiet day yesterday, and there was no change to report in His Majesty's condition. The "very slight change for the better" noted in Saturday morning's bulletin continues.—(Page 7.)

Mr. W. M. Wroughton was thrown from his horse and killed when hunting with the Belvoir Hounds from Colston Bassett on Saturday last.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

Two Royal Air Force bombing squadrons sailed from Southampton on Saturday for the North-West Frontier Province of India. The evacuation of nationals by air from Kabul continued on Saturday.—(Page 7.)

An official statement has been issued in Paris to the effect that M. Poincaré has no intention of resigning. The statement follows rumours that the Poincaré Cabinet was divided upon certain questions of expenditure.—(Page 7.)

The Manchurian generals have accepted the principles, and decided to submit to the authority of, the Chinese Nationalist Government.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL

Lombard street was plentifully supplied with credits, and loans till Monday were offered at 2½ down to 2 per cent. Loans into the new year commanded 5 per cent. Discount rates were easy. Sterling on New York was weaker.—(Page 5.)

Prospects of Irish Trade.

Men of commerce and industry in these islands will make the final balance of their books for the year 1928 with sober satisfaction. The commercial prospect is less bleak than it was a year ago. In both the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland encouraging trade reports have been published. The adverse trade balance of the Free State for the twelve months ended in November, 1928, as compared with the twelve months ending November, 1927, has been reduced from £16,522,000 to £12,469,000, or by virtually 25 *per cent.* For this happy tendency towards national solvency the growth of the export trade to Great Britain is chiefly responsible. Trade under this head increased during the first eleven months of this year by about £2,000,000. Exports to Northern Ireland also increased. On the other hand, trade with other countries declined—in exports slightly, but in imports by about half a million pounds. In effect, the Free State is learning to balance her books by the sensible policy of cultivating the market at her doors and of reducing her consumption of goods from lands oversea. After Great Britain the United States of America are the largest exporters to Ireland, with the Argentine in the third place and Canada in the fourth. It is somewhat strange that a land such as Ireland should expend £2,645,000 *per annum* on imports from the Argentine Republic—Ireland's rival in the production of meat. It is yet stranger that the Free State's imports of butter should be increasing.

The trade news from Northern Ireland is good. Her principal ship yards are busy, and more men are employed than at any time since 1920. Messrs. Workman, Clark and Company have many big contracts in hands, and Messrs. Harland and Wolff are occupied in the building of the world's largest ship—an undertaking which involves a bigger turnover of money than the Shannon hydro-electric power scheme. On the other hand, Ulster's second great industry, the manufacture of linen cloth and linen goods, continues to languish. During the first eleven months of this year linen exports were 10 *per cent.* smaller in quantity, and 18 *per cent.* lower in monetary value, than in the corresponding period of 1927. Belfast is driven to recognise that never again will the United States afford a large and profitable market for Irish linen; but the British Dominions are taking increased quantities of the Irish fabric. There is hope that Empire consumption ultimately will go far to compensate for what has been lost beyond recall in America. At present, however, the Empire demand is chiefly for light goods, such as handkerchiefs, which never can account for so much employment, or for such profits, as the heavy napery and bed linen that formerly were exported.

Whether we consider the Free State farmer or the Northern manufacturer, all the tokens of commerce show that Ireland's economic fortunes are bound up with those of her greater neighbour. The upward turn in Northern and Southern trade never could have come about but for a happier turn in the affairs of England. In a survey of British trade prospects at the year's end the Trade Correspondent of *The Times* says that the increase in exports during 1928—"to which most British industries contributed in varying degree"—is "confidently expected in 1929, in view of the brighter conditions abroad, especially in Canada, India and the Far East." Particularly cheering is a considerable increase in coal shipments during December. Orders in hand ensure a favourable beginning for the mines in the new year. Of all English industries, that of coal-mining has suffered most severely by the new world conditions, and an upward tendency in coal exports is the luckiest of omens. In the iron and steel industries an accumulation of orders is expected to be placed immediately. During 1928 the manufacture of table cutlery was larger than ever before. The manufacture of boots and shoes during 1928 has been somewhat unsatisfactory, and orders for the spring trade are slow in appearing. There is, however, "an improved tone in the trade which promises better things in the new year." Lancashire's great cotton industry has suffered during recent years as the result of the disturbances in China; but something of a transformation has been wrought by the coming of Chinese peace. During the last two months more cotton products have been sold to China than in any similar period for many years, "and fresh business is coming forward almost daily." So much machinery has been re-started that there is a tendency to produce an excess of yarn. Prices of artificial silk yarns have been reduced, and "a much improved demand is reported for artificial silk fabrics, particularly for export." These are good tidings for England, and Ireland stands to be the first gainer by the increased spending power of the English wage-earners.

Britain and Russia.

It is expected that Britain's new treaty with the Nationalist Government of China will give an important stimulus to Anglo-Chinese trade. Diplomatic relations between the two countries are now confident and cordial; China is a traditional market for British trade, and her long wars must entail a vast amount of reconstructive work. Thus there is good hope that in the next few years British trade not only will recover its losses in China, but will make new and large advances. We need not doubt that Lancashire and Yorkshire, to which recent adversity has taught many things, will be quick to seize every chance in the Far East. There are signs also that another market, once wide and profitable, may be reopened to British trade—perhaps, within the course of the coming year. In a speech last Saturday, at Moscow, Stalin, the virtual dictator of the Soviet Government, issued a direct overture to Great Britain. He declared that, despite internal obstruction, his efforts to "rationalise Communism" were making persistent progress. The Soviet Union "needed bank notes, not diplomatic notes," and its Government, which had arranged a satisfactory agreement with Germany, was willing to make a like agreement with England. At the same meeting of the Central Executive Committee the Commissary of Finance admitted that "a cursory inspection" of the national treasury proved the need of better relations with Western Europe. The truth seems to be that the party of comparative sanity is beginning to take definite charge of Russian affairs. Orthodox Bolshevism preaches the doctrine of world revolution—in effect, that all good Communists must maintain relentless war on all non-Communist States. It preaches also that rural interests must be subordinated to the industrial civilisation of the towns. Before his death Lenin had begun to modify this policy, and to-day Trotsky, its ablest and most uncompromising apostle, is in exile. Stalin is developing Lenin's later views. He recognises that a Russia which is at war with the world never can become self-supporting, and that the help of foreign capital is an essential condition of national progress. He recognises also that an industrial civilisation cannot be imposed on a community whose basis is agriculture, and that the native capitalism which draws its strength from twenty-five million small farms never can be abolished. In effect, Stalin is learning from experience and is adjusting his policy to realities. Hitherto Britain, however anxious for trade, has been unable to do business with a Government which was *hostis humani generis*—which plotted against British interests in all parts of the world, including England, and admitted no obligations of commercial honour. If Stalin's conversion is genuine, if he can enforce his will and can give substantial guarantees of honest dealing, Britain will respond not only readily, but gladly, to his overtures for a revival of Anglo-Russian trade.

The Year's Books.

According to the *Publisher's Circular*, no less than 14,399 books and pamphlets were published in the British Islands during 1928. Since 1922 there has been a steady increase in the number of publications issued every year—with the exception of 1926, the year of the general strike. Reading, as an amusement, still holds its own. An immense majority of the new books of 1928 can have no serious value. After a little time they will go the way of all books, and will be found only on the shelves of the British Museum; but for the time being they have competed successfully with broadcasting, the cinematograph and other popular amusements. One book out of every four in 1928 was a novel, but it is a reassuring fact that the number of new novels was less than the number of reprints. The taste of the reading public is not wholly bad. In some respects, indeed, it is more trustworthy than that of "high-brow" critics; for, in spite of ebb and flow in literary fashions, the greater English novelists—Dickens, Scott and Thackeray—never have ceased to be "best sellers." Popularity of works of biography was another interesting feature of the publishing season. The most popular biographical studies of the past few years differ very much in method and style from the old-fashioned "Life and Letters" in two ponderous volumes. Wit and imagination are brought into play. If the biographer does not possess these qualities, he often attempts to supply their place by rudeness and by contempt of all decent reticence. The characters of famous and venerated men and women are besmirched to provide a suburban holiday, and industrious attempts are made to whitewash the black sheep of history. In the hands of able and conscientious writers, however, the new style of biography is an important literary development. There was a considerable decline in the number of this year's books of poetry. No contemporary English poet can boast of being a "best seller," as were Byron and Tennyson. The days have gone when a man even might make a fair competence—as Mr. Robert Montgomery made it—by the writing of bad verse.

Volcanoes in Harness.

It is comforting to find that volcanoes may be useful as well as terrible. A modern traveller has recorded an impression in the South Seas which was more novel than the customary descriptions of coral reefs and idyllic strands. On one of the more thickly populated islands he found a business man who had built his office on a volcano, and was able to use the volcano, by means of an ingenious apparatus, as a substitute for central heating. This is not an isolated instance of the utilisation of "volcano power." A writer in *The Manchester Guardian* gives particulars of similar enterprise on a more extensive scale. At Larderello, in Tuscany, a considerable electric power plant is in operation, which is worked by steam issuing from volcanic springs. There are three turbines of 3,300 horse-power apiece. A part of the current is used in the district; another part is "fed" into the large electric power systems that supply Central Italy. The success of this scheme naturally leads to an inquiry whether the greater volcanic regions of the world—Southern Italy, South America, Japan and others—cannot be harnessed to the service of man by some bold and ingenious pioneer. We imagine that the best-laid schemes of this kind would be destroyed by an eruption such as that which occurred at Etna a short time ago. It may be possible to work the power machinery from a considerable distance, but the moods of volcanoes are incalculable and level-headed people will hesitate to invest money in them. Modern engineering may harness tides and winds, but the fact remains that Neptune, Æolus and Vulcan are tricky customers. An affront that is accepted by a minor volcano in the South Seas might throw Stromboli or Vesuvius into a towering rage.

OBITUARY.

MR. GEORGE N. OULTON, K.C.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Nugent Oulton, K.C., which occurred suddenly at his residence, 19 Upper Mount street, Dublin, on the morning of Sunday, the 30th inst. He was in his eighty-first year, and was one of the oldest members of the legal profession.

Mr. Oulton was the second son of the Rev. Richard Oulton, a former Rector of Keady, Co. Armagh. Educated at Dungannon Royal School, he entered Trinity College as a Royal Scholar, and, after a distinguished career there, in which he won numerous honours and prizes, including a Scholarship and Moderatorship in Classics, graduated in the year 1870. Called to the Bar in 1873, he joined the North-East Circuit, and was not long in acquiring an extensive practice, principally confining himself to Chancery and conveyancing work. He was a recognised authority on questions of equity and real property law, on which his advice was widely sought. His ability as a conveyancer was recognised by the late Sir Andrew Porter, Master of the Rolls, who appointed him conveyancing counsel to his Court—a position which Mr. Oulton held without interruption until the day of his death. He was called to the Inner Bar in the year 1904, and became a Bencher of King's Inns in 1916. A man of shy and reserved disposition, he never sought that promotion to which, perhaps, his long experience and abilities entitled him. He was always ready with his advice and counsel to help any of his legal comrades who might find themselves confronted with some knotty problem of title, and his presence at the Law Library will be much missed.

Mr. Oulton belonged to the Church of Ireland, and for over forty years was intimately connected with St. Stephen's Parish, being a valued member of its Select Vestry for many years as well as Parochial Nominator. He was also one of the Senior Governors of Charles Shiels Institution, in which he took a very deep interest.

We tender our sympathy to the widow, two sons and two daughters, who survive him. It will be remembered that Mr. Oulton's eldest son, the Rev. R. Arthur Oulton, that well-beloved and brilliant musician, perished, with his wife and only child, in the influenza scourge of the winter of 1918.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL S. M. ADYE-CURRAN.

The death of Lieutenant-Colonel Stafford Mary Adye-Curran took place at the residence of his father, Esker House, Upper Rathmines, Dublin, on December 28th. Lieutenant-Colonel Adye-Curran, who was attached to the Royal Army Medical Corps, had been medical officer in charge of the Omagh Depôt for some time, but owing to ill-health had to resign the appointment. His death is greatly regretted at the depôt, where he was popular with all ranks.

MR. TIMOTHY M'CARTHY.

The death took place in Belfast yesterday of Mr. Timothy McCarthy, who for twenty-two years was editor of the *Irish News*, Belfast. Born at Cork sixty years ago, Mr. McCarthy was attached to Mr. William O'Brien's paper, *The Irish People*, and served a term of imprisonment for his activities. He had worked in London on papers edited by the late Mr. W. T. Stead and by Mr. T. P. O'Connor.

THE FREE STATE'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, Sunday.

Mr. James McNeill, Governor-General of the Irish Free State, arrived at the Harbour Station this evening by the seven o'clock express train from Italy. He left again at 7.10 p.m. on board the Maid of Orleans, for Folkestone. On alighting from the train here he was greeted by M. Liger, Special Commissary.

Upwards of £2,000 has been received in homes in the Gweedore district, County Donegal, from America, within the past week. This sum represents the Christmas contributions of relations who have made America their adopted country.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

Owing to the improvement in the King's condition, the Prince of Wales spent the week's end in the country. He was hunting with the Belvoir Hounds last Saturday when sport was brought suddenly to a close by the death of Mr. W. M. Wroughton, a former Master of the Pytchley Hounds, who was killed by his horse falling and rolling over him. The Prince is expected to return to London to-day.

The Duke and Duchess of York have returned to their Piccadilly residence from Naseby Hall, and they dined with the Queen at Buckingham Palace last Saturday evening. Princess Mary left London last Saturday for Harewood House, Leeds, to join Viscount Lascelles and their sons, who are staying with the Earl and Countess of Harewood.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll and Sir Malcolm Murray (representing the Duke of Connaught) attended the Funeral Service for Colonel Bernard W. L. McMahon, which was held in Brompton Parish Church. Colonel McMahon, who had been Equerry to Her Royal Highness for several years, was the second son of the late Major W. McMahon and grandson of General Sir Thomas McMahon, Bart., G.C.B. He had served through the South African and European Wars, was mentioned several times in despatches, and received the C.M.G. and the C.V.O.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, who celebrated their silver wedding recently, were, last week, the recipients of several handsome presentations, including a beautiful silver tea and coffee service, the gift of the inhabitants of Kelso, where the presentation was made by the Provost in the Town Hall.

The Duke and Duchess of Richmond and Gordon are in residence at Goodwood House, Chichester, where the Duke celebrated his birthday yesterday. The Duchess of Buckingham and Chandos was the guest of the Earl and Countess Temple of Stowe at Newton Park, Bristol, last week, and has now returned to London. The Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch will return to London at the end of this week from Bowhill, Selkirkshire, where they entertained a large family party for Christmas.

Lord and Lady Talbot de Malahide, who left Ireland recently, have arrived at Mentone, where Lord Knaresborough, Lord and Lady Vestey, Lady Treves and her daughter, Lady Delme-Radcliffe, are staying. Lord Howard of Glossop and Baroness Beaumont are on their way to Madeira. Sir Emmanuel and Lady Hoyle have left Banney Royd, Huddersfield, for a prolonged tour in America and the Far East. The Dowager Countess of Seafield left London last week in the s.s. Macedonia for Java. Sir Henry Dundas left Southampton last week for South Africa. Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Kipling Waistell were among the departures last week for Hong-Kong.

Priscilla Countess Annesley, who was laid up for some time with an attack of measles at The Lodge, Cox Green, her residence near Maidenhead, is now much better, and has returned to London.

The marriage between Donal, son of the late Mr. Patrick McGilligan, The Villa, Castlerock, Co. Derry, and Mrs. McGilligan, 32 Lower Leeson street, Dublin, and Mairead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Murphy, St. Joseph's, Booterstown avenue, Co. Dublin, will take place quietly towards the end of January.

The marriage of Dr. John R. Hanna and Miss Lillian Muriel Lane will take place in London on January 10th, 1929.

Mr. F. J. Henry has returned to 18 Lower Fitzwilliam street.

A Bridge Tournament will be held at Clery's, Saturday, 12th January, 3 o'clock, in aid of St. Dunstan's. Valuable prizes. Tickets, 5s., including tea, can be obtained from Mrs. Lindsay, 88 Lower Leeson street.

At Switzers Sale to-day a very special line of Charming Stockinette Jumper Suits in many attractive colours will be offered in the Costume Gallery at prices ranging from 15s. 6d.—a fraction of the regular selling price. Three-piece Suits also drastically reduced; Sale prices from 10s. 6d.

Fashions come and fashions go, but pearls are permanently popular. A necklet of Ciro Pearls adds loveliness to every woman. In Dublin these pre-eminent creations are obtainable only at the Ciro Pearl Salon, Switzers.

Holmes' Winter Sale commences to-day.—W. Holmes and Co., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

New Year Gifts. Special show now on view. Chancellor, 7 Grafton street.

Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, and Salthill Hotel, Monkstown, now quoting special winter terms. Meals interchangeable between both hotels. For particulars apply Manager.

Power and Slattery, 17c Dawson street, are continuing their Sale this week. All Coats, Afternoon and Evening Frocks, Jumper Suits and Hats greatly reduced—to clear. Hats at 10s.

Madame Renée wishes to draw your attention to her Sale. Coats, Gowns, Hats, at ridiculous prices.—51A Dawson street.

Paul, late Switzer, 10 Wicklow street—Winter Sale starts to-day.

Mathieson, Dawson street, are reducing their valuable stock on Monday, December 31st, for ten days.

Margaret Watson, 17A Dawson street—Sale now on. Special value in Evening Frocks, Knitted Goods and Coats.

Stella Campbell, 31 South Anne street—Sale commencing to-day (Monday) for two weeks.

Sale. Sale. Sale. All our goods reduced to clear.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals—Captain R. J. Hope, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smalley, Miss S. V. Smalley, John Sherman, L. F. Miller, D. P. O'Connor, T. W. Cox, J. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Le Clerc, Hugh C. O'Hare, J. P. Owen, Mrs. J. G. Alexander, Miss Sybil Alexander, the Rev. M. P. Cleary, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Porter, J. H. Reid, Leslie Jones, Miss D. Molony, Dr. J. C. Murphy.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Arrivals—T. Woods, J. Stanley, F. Routledge, J. Bradley, T. McPherson, T. Lewis, Dr. Henry, T. Brennan, J. Watson, H. L. Egan, R. Kingston, Miss A. Mathwin, R. Meade, Miss H. Lonsdale, A. Crawford, J. Phillips, T. Russell, Dr. MacMahon, General Charlton, Mrs. Wood Ingram, J. Coogan, T. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cowan, Miss Brown Cowley, A. Woods, Miss B. O'Hagen.

McBirney's Stocktaking Sale commences at 9 o'clock to-day (Monday). Huge reductions have been made to facilitate immediate clearance of all season's stock.—Aston's quay.

The Mansfield Sisters' Winter Sale now on. As usual, genuine bargains.—28 Wicklow st.

Greenslade's Sale of Season's Models in Gowns, Coats and Millinery.—32 Wicklow st.

W. G. Gibson, 26 Wicklow street, commences his Sale to-day. Genuine reductions in Silks, Dress Fabrics and Ladies' Hosiery. Remnants specially reduced.

Furniture Stored in the only Fire-proof Depository in Ireland. Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors. Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lower Baggot st.

Annual Winter Sale now proceeding. Genuine Reductions.—Davis and Co., 45/6 Grafton street.

Prescription Specialist—Joseph O'Reilly, M.P.S.I., 162 Lr. Leeson st., 17 Up. Merrion st. Night bell.

Leathercraft: Tooling Calf, Skivers, Persians, Thongs, Suede, Clothing and Gloving Leathers, Press Buttons, Tools and Stains for art work.—E. J. Long, Ltd., Boot Upper Manufacturers, 5 Upper Stephen street, Dublin.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Inference.—A depression over the Straits of Dover is filling up, whilst an anti-cyclone near The Faroes is spreading southwards. Weather will be mainly fair in the western half of the country, but wintry showers will occur in the eastern half. Winds will be mainly from a north-easterly or easterly point, and conditions cold, with sharp frost at night.

Ireland, all districts—Fresh to moderate north-easterly winds; fair; cold; sharp ground frost inland at night.

Irish Sea crossings from Holyhead, Heysham, and Stranraer, Glasgow, Ardrossan, and Liverpool. St. George's Channel, crossing from Fishguard—Fresh north-easterly winds, moderating; cloudy, brighter intervals; some showers; sea rather rough to moderate.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin. (Advt.)

THE SUN.

To-day....Rises	8.40	Sets		4.16
To-morrow.. ,,	8.40	,,		4.17
Lighting-up Time				5.16

HIGH WATER DUBLIN.

To-day.....Morning	2.32	Afternoon	2.59
To-morrow.. ,,	3.24	,,	3.49

LONDON LETTER.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
SUNDAY NIGHT.

No little alarm was caused yesterday by the statement in a morning newspaper that the King had periods of unconsciousness, rather suggesting that his position at the moment was more serious than people realised. It is true that there have been periods when the invalid was unconscious, and the fact is certainly not surprising in the circumstances attendant upon an illness of so dangerous a character; but these periods were some days ago before the improvement had commenced. I understand that the delay in recovery is caused by the wound, which is giving the doctors great trouble, owing to the poisoned condition of the blood. At the same time, there is no reason why the patient should not overcome the infection. The bulletins during the week-end have not been pessimistic, and, following upon that of to-night, with its intimation that the King has had a quiet day, hope revives once again.

Dakin's Solution.

Great interest was manifested yesterday in the arrival from the United States of a consignment of Dakin's solution; for its name revived war memories to many thousands of men who, suffering from wounds, were saved by the use of the fluid. The solution, of which bleaching powder is the basis, is one requiring the most careful preparation, and it has to be freshly made and then kept in the dark. When the fluid comes into contact with the tissues free chlorine gas is liberated. This is a most powerful germicide, destroying the bacteria and, at the same time, providing a thorough drainage. The solution is not exclusive to the United States, but it is made there by an electrical process.

A Quiet Season.

The little season in London, which at one time promised to be very gay, has quite fizzled out owing to the illness of the King, and there is scarcely any private entertaining taking place. The celebrations at the hotels and restaurants on New Year's Eve will take the place of a number of parties which would have been given in ordinary circumstances, but the proceedings will be of a more subdued character than usual. People are taking the course of events at Buckingham Palace much too seriously to conduct themselves in the rather excitable manner usually common to new year celebrations.

Political Prospects.

The new year is at hand, and the general election is not remote; but the three great political parties still keep their election programmes a secret, and it is thought that there will be no platforms until the election is really opened. At the moment nobody seems to have an idea what will form the outstanding planks, and the advantage lies with the Conservatives, who will be able to point to what they have done in the past as a guarantee of what they will do in the future. Talking yesterday to a party organiser on this point, I was reminded that it was better to wait until the right moment and then go to the country with a good cry, which would take the other parties by surprise, rather than enter the lists with something that had become hackneyed and time-honoured.

The Empire's Live Stock.

The Empire Marketing Board is preparing to contribute to schemes for assisting the passage overseas of pedigree animals from the United Kingdom, with the idea that the home breeder may be enabled to export his pedigree stock more regularly and in greater numbers than has of late years been possible. There is a constant demand from all parts of the Empire for fresh blood to maintain flocks and herds and to enable fresh pastures to be put under stock. The new quarantine station in the Port of London was designed to secure that the pedigree stock may pass freely to countries overseas when the presence of disease here might otherwise prevent the export of pedigree animals. It is proving effective.

Fear of Floods.

Deep interest has been shown in the high tides of the Thames during the week-end. Crowds of people have gathered in the vicinity of the scene of the disastrous floods that occurred last January, when twenty persons were drowned. At several places the water has been actually above the road level, but the new defences have withstood the strain placed upon them. From Westminster Bridge at high tide this afternoon the Speaker's lawn adjoining Big Ben appeared to be well below the level of the water. The height of the water is constantly observed by officials from the Office of Works, and the Westminster City Council and police launches are patrolling the river in order that early warning may be given should the danger of flooding arise.

The Schneider Trophy.

Italy and France have entered machines for the Schneider Trophy Race, which will be flown over the Solent in the autumn, but there will be some uncertainty as to competitors from other countries until the official entries are announced by the Royal Aero Club. The list closes to-morrow, and it is expected that the United States, which has been preparing a two thousand horse-power racing seaplane for the contest, will enter. A machine has been designed in Germany for the race, and it may be entered in time; but this is not certain, as the Government has not yet agreed to grant financial assistance to enable a German machine to participate. In Britain racing seaplanes of two types are being built for the defence of the trophy.

The Army.

A notable improvement in the educational standard of the British Army is shown by the results of recent examinations. At the last examination the percentage of certificates gained was fifty-six *per cent.* compared with fifty-two *per cent.* on the previous occasion, and the examiners report that the papers showed a marked advance. There are now 13,792 warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men with first class or special certificates, including 628 holders of the special grade, which is equivalent to matriculation standard.

The London, Midland & Scottish Railway.

Mr. W. H. Christy Clay, F.S.I., has been appointed, as from January 1st, to succeed Mr. F. J. Stannard as chief land and estate agent of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway. Mr. Clay will be the administrator of the largest estate in the British Isles, with a rent roll of £1,300,000 and 94,000 tenants. A staff of over 300 is engaged on the work of this huge estate. Some 260 purchases of property and land are made every year, and 25,000 houses and cottages have to be kept in repair.

The World's Largest Hangar.

Accommodation at the great air port of London at Croydon, which was opened less than a year ago, already is proving insufficient, and additional hangar space is being provided. Next week what is believed to be the largest aeroplane hangar in the world will be available. It will be used for the housing of the air liners employed on the services to the Continent, and will have accommodation for fifty machines.

DEATH.

DOBSON—December 27, 1928, at Clonskea, of heart failure, Noble Dobson, late of Mohill.

THE KING'S IMPROVEMENT MAINTAINED.

RAY THERAPY TREATMENT LAST NIGHT.

CONTRADICTION OF MISLEADING REPORTS.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, Sunday, 8.30 p.m.

The King has had a quiet day. There is no change to report in His Majesty's condition.

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT.
HUGH M. RIGBY.
DAWSON OF PENN.

Saturday, 11.30 a.m.

The King has had a quiet night, and there is a very slight change for the better in His Majesty's condition.

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT.
HUGH M. RIGBY.
DAWSON OF PENN.

Saturday, 8.15 p.m.

The King has had a quiet day. The slow improvement noted this morning continues. No bulletin will be issued till to-morrow evening.

(Signed) STANLEY HEWETT.
HUGH M. RIGBY.
DAWSON OF PENN.

Dr. Howitt and Dr. Woods again administered the ray therapy treatment last night. Lord Dawson and Sir Hugh Rigby were at the Palace for an hour and a half. Sir Stanley Hewett again stayed for the night at the Palace. The usual morning bulletin, it is expected, will be issued to-day.

Although no authoritative comment was forthcoming in Palace circles last night, the Press Association understands that last night's bulletin, though not regarded as unfavourable, was not as satisfactory as could have been hoped. That the doctors report no change in His Majesty's condition after a lapse of twenty-four hours shows that the King's progress is a matter of extreme slowness.

Reports that His Majesty has been unconscious for long periods are very misleading at this stage of the illness.

Many people have offered their blood, following a suggestion that possibly transfusion from a healthy person might help the King over the present stage, but Mr. Oliver, hon. secretary of the blood transfusion section of the British Red Cross, stated on Saturday that there was not the slightest possibility of anyone outside Court circles being required.

The Exchange Telegraph Company learnt authoritatively on Saturday that the question of blood transfusion has not been considered. It is understood that Friday's reference to the adoption of new measures related to a new course of medicine.

COURT CIRCULAR.

THE QUEEN VISITS THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK.

The following *Court Circular* was issued from Buckingham Palace yesterday: —

"The Queen, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke of Gloucester, the Prince George and the ladies and gentlemen in attendance were present at Divine Service in the Private Chapel this morning. The Service was conducted by the Rev. L. H. Nixon, Priest-in-Ordinary-in-Waiting, and the Rev. Canon R. A. Mitchell, Vicar of St. Michael's, Chester square, preached the sermon.

"The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester and the Prince George, visited the Duke and Duchess of York at 145 Piccadilly, and remained to luncheon."

A *Court Circular* issued from Buckingham Palace on Saturday stated: "The Princess Mary Viscountess Lascelles has left the Palace."

The Press Association states that yesterday afternoon the Queen, the Duke of Gloucester and Prince George visited Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll at Kensington Palace.

The Duke and Duchess of York returned to London from Naseby Hall, Northamptonshire, on Saturday, and dined with the Queen at the Palace.

The Prince of Wales, who had been expected back in London on Saturday night after his day's hunting with the Belvoir Hounds, decided to spend Sunday in the country.

THE POPE'S CONCERN.

HOPE THAT ALL ANXIETY WILL SOON BE PAST.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
ROME, Saturday.

The Pope to-day received in audience Mr. Getty Chilton, the British Minister to the Vatican, who conveyed to His Holiness his good wishes for the new year.

The Pontiff warmly thanked Mr. Chilton, and inquired for the latest news of the illness of King George, expressing the hope that all anxiety would soon be past.

RESCUE OF TRAWLER'S CREW.

LIFEBOAT NEARLY SWAMPED.

While a north-east gale was at its height last night the crew of the Dutch steam trawler Elnet, of Ymuiden, which went aground on Lowestoft north beach, were rescued by the new rocket life-saving apparatus with which the coastguard has been recently equipped.

The vessel, the skipper of which is Cornelis Gravenmaker, was making for Lowestoft with fish for Monday's market, when, during the gale which sprang up on Saturday night, the steering gear broke and the trawler became unmanageable.

LIFEBOAT CALLED OUT.

Realising that they were in great danger, the skipper whistled repeatedly for assistance, and the motor lifeboat Agnes Cross went out.

Several times the coxswain attempted to approach the trawler, but the lifeboat was nearly swamped by the heavy seas. An effort was then made to reach the vessel from the shore side, and the lifeboat ran grave risk of being dashed on to the beach.

CREW TAKEN OFF.

Meanwhile the coastguards went down, and, although huge seas were breaking over the vessel and on to the shore, the crew of eleven were brought safely to land in the breeches buoy.

All of the crew suffered from the effects of immersion, but were brought round in the coastguards' watch-house. A doctor who was called ordered one of the men to bed at the Sailors' Home.

From the time that the trawler's whistle sounded till the last man was landed only fifty minutes elapsed.

THE DISCHARGE OF THE CELTIC.

FURTHER DAMAGE BY HEAVY SEAS.

From Our Own Correspondent.
QUEENSTOWN, Sunday.

It is now stated, though not officially, that funnels, lifeboats, and part of the top structure of the White Star liner Celtic, which is now lying stranded at the entrance to Cork Harbour, are obstructing the view of the port lighthouse on the part of masters of steamers approaching the harbour's entrance from the westward. Steps are, it is understood, to be taken to have these parts of the liner removed.

Except for the interruptions caused by occasional storms, the work of discharging the cargo has been carried on for the past two weeks. Most of the valuable part of the cargo in the forward holds has been discharged, and work has commenced on the portion stowed aft. Coasters are at times unable to remain alongside the liner, owing to the weather, and to overcome this difficulty three local craft of smaller tonnage have been hired. These vessels are first loaded from the liner and then tie up to the coasters, into which their cargoes are transferred for transhipment to Liverpool.

Recent storms and ground swells have subjected the stranded liner to severe buffetings, resulting in an extension of the damage both to her outside plating and the lower deck interior, as well as causing a slight increase in the list to port.

£25,000 THANKS-OFFERING.

LORD BEAVERBROOK'S ESCAPE.

In gratitude for his "good fortune" in connection with a motor accident, when his car came into collision with a motor lorry at Surbiton early on Friday last, Lord Beaverbrook proposes to distribute £25,000 to various persons and objects, and has asked the Prime Minister to allocate the gift.

In a letter to Mr. Baldwin dated Sunday, Lord Beaverbrook says:—

"My associates and I have had a narrow escape in a motor accident at Surbiton. I propose to distribute £25,000 to various persons and objects in gratitude for our good fortune. I have given about £1,200 to the individuals who were concerned in looking after my associates and me when the accident occurred. This includes £1,000 to the St. Mary's Hospital Medical School Rebuilding Fund. I intend to offer £1,000 to the hospital at Surbiton, where assistance was rendered to my colleagues. The balance is at your disposal for distribution to the objects you select if you will do me the honour to discharge the task. I express a preference for education and, in the circumstances, medical education."

The accident occurred at the cross-roads at Surbiton, from which runs the Kingston by-pass road. Lord Beaverbrook was cut by broken glass, and his secretary and the chauffeur were injured. The secretary, Mr. M. H. Wood, of Putney Hill, and the chauffeur, Richard S. Coorer, of Cobham Gardens, Lower Richmond road, Richmond, were taken to Surbiton Hospital.

Last night Lord Beaverbrook's condition was stated to be improving.

IRISH GIRL STOWAWAY.

HOMESICK IN CANADA.

Margaret Patricia Rogers, a twenty-year-old Irish girl, who stowed away in the C.P.R. liner Montroyal, landed in Liverpool on Saturday from St. John's, Newfoundland.

She was smiling and happy, for the passengers, after she was discovered, took a great interest in her, treated her with the greatest kindness, and subscribed more than her passage money. One passenger also gave her the fare to Lisburn, where her mother and brother live, and she was given a cordial send-off by those who had befriended her.

The girl had been in Canada eight months, having left a situation in Wimbledon, London, to go and join some friends whose address was given as Kingston, Ontario. Unfortunately, when she got there they had gone, and, in her search through Canada to find them, she had worked as a domestic servant, stewardess in pleasure steamers on the Canadian Lakes, and waitress in a café in St. John's.

"I became homesick and wanted to see my mother, and so I crept on board the Montroyal," she said. "I have spent Christmas on the Atlantic, and have had a good time.

"The captain, crew and passengers of the liner were all very kind to me. Still I am pleased to go home to Ireland to see my mother again."

When she boarded the Montroyal the girl hid in one of the third-class cabins, where she was discovered some hours later by one of the stewards, who took her before Captain A. Freer, the Commander, to whom she haltingly explained why she had gone aboard. The captain gave her sewing and similar work, but the passengers soon learned her story and interested themselves in her. They collected 98 dollars, which covered the amount of the passage and left a small balance, which was handed to her.

M. POINCARE'S POSITION.

WILL HE RESIGN?

REPORTED CABINET DIFFERENCES.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
PARIS, Sunday.

The following authoritative statement was issued here this evening:—

"Slight differences within the Government regarding the increasing of Parliamentary salaries have given rise to rumours of the early resignation of M. Poincaré.

"The Prime Minister has no intention of resigning. On the contrary, he will ask the Chamber on January 10 to begin a full-dress debate on the general policy of the Government.

"It seems probable that the members of the Cabinet will agree with M. Poincaré to await the decision of Parliament, which should be favourable to the Government."

PRESSURE FROM "HIGH CIRCLES."

There is general disagreement amongst observers in regard to the prophecy made in some quarters that the French Government may fall in a few days' time. Several newspapers to-day remark upon a feeling of uneasiness that appeared to subsist yesterday in consequence of the presumed Cabinet differences over such questions as that of deputies' salaries.

On the other hand, the *Petit Parisien* thinks that the Government will stand firm, because the matters at issue are of only secondary importance. *Excelsior* understands that influence from "high circles" has been brought to bear on M. Poincaré to persuade him not to resign on January 2. The *Matin* says that the vote of the Senate will dispose of any misunderstandings.

BUDGET DEBATE.

The French Chamber has had another all-night sitting to deal with the Budget, rising at twenty minutes to four this morning. Business will be resumed this afternoon. The special vote for Algeria was adopted, following a speech by M. Poincaré, in which he gave an explanation of the measures that were being taken to assure the security of the Algerian and Moroccan territories, referring especially to the occupation of the Tafilalet region. The House also approved a credit of 200,000,000 francs (about £1,600,000) for repair works necessitated by the recent floods.

After the customary passing to and fro of the Budget between the two Houses, the Chamber and the Senate this evening reached an agreement, and the Budget, as a whole, was adopted. The final vote in the Chamber was 450 for and 10 against, while that in the Senate was 274 votes to 16. M. Barthou, in the Senate, then read the decree declaring the extraordinary session of 1928 closed, and the Senate adjourned until the second Tuesday in January. In the Chamber, M. Poincaré read the equivalent decree, and the Chamber adjourned until January 8th.

WELL-KNOWN HUNTING MAN KILLED.

THROWN BY HIS HORSE.

Mr. W. M. Wroughton, of Creaton Lodge, Northampton, and Clarehaven, Melton Mowbray, a former Master of the Woodland Pytchley Hunt, was thrown and killed while hunting on Saturday last with the Belvoir Hounds, from Colston Bassett.

The Prince of Wales was one of the field, but did not see the accident.

The pack found their fox in Kaye Wood, and shortly after the start of the first gallop Mr. Wroughton was thrown heavily at a fence. The horse fell and rolled over its rider. Brigadier-General Sir Edward Le Marchant, who was riding close by, at once went to the aid of Mr. Wroughton, but found him dead from a dislocation of the neck. The body was removed to the Martin's Arms, Colton Bassett.

The news of the accident did not reach the joint Masters and the Hunt staff until after the conclusion of the run, and then the hounds were at once sent home.

For several years Mr. Wroughton has occupied Clarehaven, Melton Mowbray, during the hunting season, and it was from that house that he went out to join Saturday's run of the Belvoir Hounds. Mrs. Wroughton was at Creaton Lodge, and she received the news of the accident in a telegram sent by Mr. Wroughton's groom. No other member of the family was with her at the time, their two daughters being abroad.

Inquiries at Mr. Wroughton's town address, 77 Chester square, London, S.W., elicited the fact that he left London at the beginning of December for his country house, Creaton Lodge, Northampton, for the hunting season, and was expected to return at the end of February. Only on Saturday morning a letter was received in London from him asking for his private correspondence to be forwarded to his Northampton home.

Mr. Wroughton, who was seventy-eight years of age, was one of the best known hunting men in the country. He was Master of the Pytchley from 1894 to 1902 and of the Woodland Pytchley from 1903 to 1908. For a number of years he has hunted with the Leicestershire packs from Melton Mowbray. In spite of his advanced age he was a bold and fearless rider and a first-rate man to hounds. He followed Lord Spencer in the mastership of the Woodland Pytchley.

In the "Hunting and Sporting Reminiscences of H. W. Selby-Lowndes, M.F.H." the editor, Mr. J. Fairfax-Blakeborough, says:—

"Mr. Wroughton took over the hounds just before Goodall (huntsman under Lord Spencer) gave up, and Captain Steed supplied Mr. Wroughton with horses. Mr. Wroughton treated the country well, and his generosity was not half appreciated. To mount the establishment of the Pytchley Hunt cost a Master between £4,000 and £5,000."

The inquest on Mr. W. M. Wroughton will not be held till next Friday. The local coroner, however, has granted a burial order so that the funeral may be facilitated.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

SIR JAMES RAE KILLED.

Sir James Rae, K.B.E., a commodore of the City Line, was killed on Saturday by a motor bus in Ardrossan road, Saltcoats.

He was crossing the road, accompanied by Lady Rae, and was knocked down by a passing 'bus and so severely injured that he died a few minutes later.

Sir James Rae, who was knighted for his services in connection with the transportation of troops during the war, was spending a short holiday in England while his new ship, the City of Nagpur, was being refitted for a world cruise.

PEACE COMMISSIONER IN TWO MISHAPS.

The two front wheels, the front axle and mudguards of a motor car, belonging to Mr. E. Flanagan, Kilnaleck, Co. Cavan, were broken in a collision with a motor car belonging to Mr. J. J. Brady, Peace Commissioner, Corbeagh, Edgeworthstown, which occurred at the junction of the Dublin and Ballinalee roads, near St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford.

Mr. Brady, proceeding towards Edgeworthstown, met with a further mishap. A short distance from the town, and near the County Home buildings, his car, and a motor cycle, ridden by Mr. Leo Baxter, Ardagh came into collision. Mr Baxter was thrown off his machine, and sustained a fractured collarbone. He was conveyed to Longford County Hospital, where he is doing well.

NATIONALIST MANCHURIA.

"MOST SIGNIFICANT MOVE."

FLAG HOISTED.

NANKING MAKES NEW APPOINTMENTS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
NANKING, Sunday.

The action of the Manchurian generals in accepting Sun Yat Sen's three principles has met with due recognition from the Nationalist Government.

Chang Hsueh-liang, the son of Marshal Chang Tso-lin, who is now leader of the Manchurian group, has been appointed North-Eastern Defence Commissioner, and his nominations for the principal Governmental positions in Manchuria and Jehol have been approved.

"EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE."

In an interview with Reuter's Correspondent regarding the position created by the hoisting of the Nationalist flag in Manchuria, Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister in the Nationalist Government, said this was the most significant move in the recent political developments of the Far East. The action of the Manchurian leaders was in conformity with the wishes of the entire nation and would have been effected long ago but for what Mr. Wang described as "uncalled-for external interference."

Officials and party leaders here consider the hoisting of the flag in Manchuria to be an indisputable proof that the military leaders throughout the country will co-operate in the work of reconstruction even though they may have to make serious personal sacrifices.

WAR LORD'S LAST WISH.

[Note—It was the wish of the late Manchurian War Lord, as expressed in his last will, that the Northern leaders who had hitherto struggled against the Chinese revolutionaries should accept the principles of Sun Yat Sen—*i.e.*, nationalism, democracy and the right of the people to live. Yesterday it was announced that the Manchurian leaders had decided to accept the principles and submit to the authority of the Nationalist Government, in token of which the Nationalist flag would be hoisted on all public buildings.]

JAPANESE ATTITUDE.

"FAULTY DIPLOMACY" BLAMED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
TOKIO, Sunday.

So far there has been little comment in the Press regarding the new situation in Manchuria. The *Asahi Hochi* would appear to reflect the general attitude when it blames Baron Tanaka, the Prime Minister, for faulty diplomacy during recent developments.

It is expected that official circles will watch developments, but will take no action provided that Japanese rights and interests be not infringed.

WINTER'S SUDDEN ARRIVAL.

SNOWFALL IN IRELAND.

THUNDER PEALS IN DUBLIN.

Winter came without warning to Dublin and the greater part of Ireland yesterday. After the fairly mild weather which has been experienced for some time, past Dublin was surprised to find snow falling rather heavily at an early hour yesterday morning, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Later a thaw set in, but at about mid-day very heavy showers of sleet fell, and there were further peals of thunder and flashes of lightning.

During the evening and far into the night sleet or cold rain showers fell at intervals.

Residents of South County Dublin were alarmed by a loud peal of thunder which occurred at about mid-day, and many thought that an explosion had occurred in the neighbourhood of Dublin.

The melting snow and the sleet made the roads dangerous for motor driving, and 'bus drivers in the streets of Dublin had to use great caution, especially at corners.

SNOW-COVERED MOUNTAINS.

Reports from various parts of the country speak of snowfalls and cold weather.

The Wicklow Mountains are covered with snow, as are all the mountains in Tipperary, including the whole range of the Galtees.

Snow yesterday lay deep on the hills of North Tyrone and East Donegal, and in the Banagher district snow fell on Saturday, but was succeeded by rain.

THE SHANNON IN FLOOD.

The recent rains have caused heavy flooding along the banks of the Shannon. People living within its reaches who had to temporarily abandon their homesteads two months ago are again threatened with a second inundation. Saturday's snow and rain increased the flooding.

HARSH WEATHER IN BRITAIN.

SNOW SPREADING SOUTH.

It is probable that the snow, which is fairly general in the North and Midlands of England, will spread to the South, it was learned at the Air Ministry in London yesterday. Sleet, with occasional snow-flakes, fell at Lympne, near Folkestone, yesterday. In Lincolnshire and in the Peak District of Derbyshire the falls of snow were heavy.

In some outlying districts of Lincolnshire it lay to a depth of four inches and traffic conditions were difficult. The Nottingham district, Bedfordshire, Sealand, Chester and many parts of Scotland also experienced snow falls.

EARLY SEA-BATHERS.

As a contrast, there was brilliant sunshine at Weymouth, and early sea-bathers were out.

A violent hail-storm, followed by thunder and heavy rain, had occurred over the district on the previous night and low-lying lands are flooded.

Snow began to fall at Cheltenham shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday evening. Showers of snow fell at Exeter and some of the hills around were covered. There was sharp frost in the evening. There was a heavy fall, lasting several hours, in the Dorcestershire district and other parts of Dorset.

Lambing is now in progress in the county and serious consequences are feared.

THE SNOWFALL AND RACING.

After a fall of snow at Cheltenham yesterday afternoon a rapid thaw set in shortly after 7 o'clock and there is a good possibility of racing taking place to-day, if the conditions continue favourable.

TRADE OF LIMERICK PORT.

JUMP IN EXPORTS OF BUTTER AND EGGS.

Butter and eggs exports from Limerick, chiefly to Liverpool and Glasgow, show a remarkable increase on the year compared with 1927, while cattle exports have trebled. Additional facilities at the port for the inspection of exports were made by the Harbour Board some time ago.

FREE STATE'S TRADE.

ADVERSE BALANCE STILL FALLING.

FIGURES FOR ELEVEN MONTHS.

The improvement in Irish Free State trade, reported in October last, was continued during November, when imports totalled £4,678,000, and all exports were valued at £4,548,000 against £4,920,000 for imports and £4,449,000 for exports in November, 1927. In November, 1927, the adverse trade balance for that month stood at £471,000, whereas in November last it had fallen to £130,000, a drop of £341,000.

During the twelve months ended 30th November, 1927, the adverse trade balance was £16,522,000; for the twelve months ended 30th November this year it was £12,469,000, a reduction of £4,053,000 on the period covered.

ELEVEN MONTHS' TRADE.

The following figures give the total of Irish Free State imports and exports for the eleven months, January-November, 1928:—

TRADE BY COUNTRIES OF CONSIGNMENT.

	Imports	Exports.	Re-Exports.
Great Britain:	£	£	£
1927	35,274,480	33,122,127	426,644
1928	36,085,422	34,941,102	467,581
Northern Ireland:			
1927	5,782,877	4,409,611	180,942
1928	5,588,796	4,622,261	163,997
Other Countries:			
1927	12,561,424	1,658,145	20,564
1928	12,097,128	1,524,647	26,013
Total:			
1927	54,618,781	39,189,883	628,150
1928	53,771,346	41,088,010	657,591

After Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the following are the Irish Free State's most important customers:—

	Imports.	Exports.
	£	£
United States	3,916,025	272,727
Argentina	2,645,582	4,632
Canada	971,824	53,605
Germany	1,669,669	257,884
Belgium	618,979	150,044
British India	82,391	78,107
France	404,417	96,882
Spain	111,989	30,152
Norway	99,372	29,915
Poland (including Danzig)	64,393	38,867
Switzerland	44,308	44,243
Denmark	31,705	4,452
New Zealand	134	65,136

REMARKABLE FIGURES.

Among imports of live-stock, horses are the most valuable, 4,058 being valued at £1,076,235. Imports of bacon have fallen, while those of butter have increased notwithstanding the development of the butter-making industry in this country, and the fact that the value of Irish butter exported has tremendously increased. Imports of margarine have fallen from 52,235 cwts. in the January-November period of last year to 1,066 cwts. for the same period this year. There has also been an increase in imports of eggs in shell.

Imports of such dutiable articles as men's overcoats show an increase over the eleven-month period, but the total value of all imports shows a falling off.

VALUE OF LIVE-STOCK EXPORTS.

Exports of live-stock show an improvement in value except for pigs and poultry.

	Value. Eleven Months, Jan.-Nov., 1927.	Eleven Months, Jan.-Nov., 1928.
	£	£
Cattle	10,747,075	12,140,259
Sheep	1,242,250	1,307,606
Pigs	2,051,230	1,638,320
Horses	2,055,630	2,295,742
Poultry	172,679	162,227

There have been big increases in the exports of fresh beef and veal, fresh mutton and lamb, fresh pork and bacon. Mutton represents a sum of £2,393,855, and pork £1,246,394. The value of butter exports has increased by over £9,000 to £4,429,975, but the actual quantity of butter shipped was smaller. Eggs in shell exported increased by about 100,000 great hundreds and represented £3,003,694.

EXTREME COLD IN POLAND.

SIX PERSONS DEVOURED BY WOLVES.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
WARSAW, Sunday.

Owing to the unexpectedly sudden spell of extremely cold weather, especially in the eastern border districts, large numbers of wolves are showing undesirable activity. Peasants and cattle have been repeatedly attacked, and six deaths are reported from the Vilna neighbourhood, two men engaged in smuggling from over the Lithuanian border being completely devoured by the famished animals. The local authorities are planning a series of drives to hunt the wolves down.

LINER IN DISTRESS.

RUDDER LOST IN CHANNEL.

The Bucklebank liner Malakand, 7,649 tons register, bound from Calcutta to London and Dundee, lost her rudder in the Channel yesterday and, becoming unmanageable, her captain wirelessed for help. The liner's S.O.S. calls were picked up by the Dover steam tugs Lady Duncannon and Lady Brassey, who immediately left the harbour and hastened to her help.

The position of the steamer was then four miles south of Beachy Head. Snow, sleet and rain squalls restricted visibility considerably in the Channel for the greater part of the day, but the Dover tugs managed to locate the crippled vessel and took charge of her, one towing and the other steering her.

The disabled liner is being towed to Gravesend.

Lloyd's North Foreland Wireless Station reports:—Following received from British steamer Malakand: "Off Royal Sovereign light vessel. Proceeding with assistance of two tugs, speed about three knots. Steering very difficult; must have further assistance. Rudder useless."

COMMERCIAL MEN AND MR. O ESMONDE, T.D.

AN APOLOGY DEMANDED.

A special meeting of the Committee of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation was held at the office, 15 Parnell square, Dublin, when, on the motion of the Secretary, a resolution was adopted in reference to what was described as "the gratuitous insult to commercial travellers expressed by Mr. O. Esmonde, T.D.," when, at a public meeting in the Athenæum, Enniscorthy, he was reported to have stated, when referring to hotels, "that hotel proprietors say: What is good enough for commercials ought to be good enough for anyone." The resolution proceeds:—

"This self-constituted judge is reported to have said: 'Because commercial travellers can eat all kinds of things, and drink things which would poison an ordinary human being.'

"A statement such as this is would not be wondered at if it emanated from an ignorant and depraved mentality. To hold any body of men, such as commercial travellers, up to public odium is a sad display of good taste, and they, the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation, on behalf of all travellers, could not let this mean attempt pass without demanding a public apology from Mr. O. Esmonde, T.D."

LATE NEWS.

THE THIRD TEST.

J. S. RYDER OUT 112

BOWLERS ON TOP AGAIN.

Special Cable.
MELBOURNE, Monday.

Australian batsmen to-day were on trial before a tribunal of no less than 55,000 spectators. It was a day which would decide for Australia whether the question of "the ashes" would enter into either of the two last Test matches.

It was probably the most critical day Australian cricket has known during the present generation.

Melbourne itself has ever been hopeful of its ability to ward off the impending blow, and to-day the citizens again supported the team with a great show of enthusiasm.

The weather was fiercely hot, and the ladies' enclosure looked the coolest and brightest spot on the ground.

Saturday's recovery by Ryder and Kippax had stimulated great interest in to-day's play, and, despite the fact that it was a week-day, there was every appearance of another mammoth attendance.

START OF PLAY.

Tate and Larwood bowled. Larwood had two men in the gully. The Melbourne "tradition" was obviously against the batsmen, and both England's opening bowlers put plenty of "pep" into their work. Ryder was nearly bowled by the first ball he received, and off the first ball of Tate's second over he was taken at forward short leg by Hendren.

Only 6 runs had been added when Australia's captain left. He had played sterling cricket for 3 hours and 40 minutes. His strokes in front of the wicket were cleanly and vigorously executed, and it was mainly by means of the drive that he hit his 6 boundaries. His popularity as captain was proved by the great demonstration which took place on his dismissal.

TATE'S BOWLING.

Tate was England's sharp shooter. He has never bowled with such zip and consistency. In his first three overs, which were maidens, every ball was different; yet none approached the loose.

Oldfield had joined Bradman, and they attempted a sharp single which should have cut Bradman's career short, but Hobbs fielded the ball and tried to throw down the wicket, instead of returning it to Duckworth.

Geary had his first spell of the day at 287, when Larwood went off. Geary's first ball beat Oldfield, who dragged it on to his leg stump, and was sixth out at 287.

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

W. M. Woodfull c Jardine b Tate	7
V. Y. Richardson c Duckworth b Larwood	3
H. L. Hendry c Jardine b Larwood	23
A. F. Kippax c Jardine b Larwood	100
J. S. Ryder c Hendren b Tate	112
D. Bradman not out	57
W. A. Oldfield b Geary	3
E. A'Beckett not out	22
Extras	6
Total (6 wkts.)	333

LUNCH SCORE—337 for 6 wickets.

Fall of Wickets.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	15	57	218	282	287				

INDIAN CONGRESS.

A WONDERFUL SCENE.

In a message from Calcutta yesterday *The Times* Correspondent says:—Assembled in the vast Pandal erected for meetings, the delegates to the Indian National Congress afforded a striking spectacle and a field of broken colour as they squatted on the ground to the number of 20,000 yesterday. The only gap in the sea of faces was where the representatives from Bihar, who have withdrawn from the Congress, should have been. The speeches from the main platform in the centre of the huge circle were rendered audible by loud speakers. The entrance of the occupants of the platform was heralded by trumpeters and drummers, and marked by much pagentry and volumes of cheering.

Mr. J. M. Sen Gupta, in his capacity of Chairman of the Reception Committee, spoke for an hour and a quarter, and made a daring speech, in the course of which he declared that the slavish worship of the past communal dissensions, caste, purdah, polygamy, early marriage and other cankers in the body politic were responsible "for our failure." It was national *hara kiri* to impair the vitality of the race by screening half their number behind purdah, and accelerating the process "by the horrible custom of immature parenthood." Caste must go, it had ceased to serve any purpose in India to-day.

This portion of the speech was heard with impatience, but there was much applause for the denunciation of the "assault" on Lala Lajpat Rai and the advocacy of the Nehru Report, which the speaker looked upon "not as a begging bowl for Dominion status, but as a weapon in our fight for full independence."

Pandit Motilal Nehru, President of the Congress, who spoke for two hours, also denounced purdah and other disabilities of women as a curse to be wiped out without delay.

The Congress, it is now certain, will carry the resolution drafted by Mr. Gandhi by a large majority, which means that victory will rest with the extremists, who give the British Government twelve months in which to accept Dominion *status*, and meanwhile obtain liberty to carry on the campaign for independence.

FRENCH LINER BURNED OUT.

SHELL ONLY REMAINS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
MARSEILLES, Sunday.

The Paul Lecat, one of the best-known passenger steamers on the Messageries Maritimes Far Eastern service, has been completely burned out by a fire which lasted all day. All her internal fittings have been destroyed, only her shell plating and frames being saved. She was in dry dock undergoing an overhaul at the time. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

Hope of getting the fire under control has now been abandoned, and the vessel is regarded as a total loss. The damage is estimated at about fifty million francs.

NEW YORK AND RUBBER SHARES.

EXCHANGE'S ACTIVITIES TO BE BROADENED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
NEW YORK, Sunday.

The activities of the Rubber Exchange of New York will shortly be broadened by the establishment of a special department for trading in the securities of rubber companies, if the scheme now under consideration can be worked out satisfactorily. This tentative plan provides for the listing of British, Dutch and other stocks not now dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange or the New York curb market. Recent estimates show that about 1,500 companies are engaged in rubber production in the Far East, and it is believed that the shares of a great many of these companies would be available for trading here.

MORE 'PLANES FOR INDIA.

SQUADRONS LEAVE ENGLAND.

KABUL RESCUES.

NEARLY 100 REACH SAFETY BY AIR.

Two Royal Air Force Bombing Squadrons—No. 11 from Netheravon and No. 39 from Bircham Newton—sailed in the transport Nevasa from Southampton on Saturday for Risalpur, North-West Frontier, to bring the strength of the Indian Air Force up to eight squadrons.

Each squadron totals twelve officers and seventy men, and they are the first complete squadrons to leave England since the war. Squadron-leaders P. H. Cummings and H. V. Champion de Crespigny are the respective commanders.

There are three hundred other airmen for Iraq and Aden on board the transport.

MORE REFUGEES FROM KABUL.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
PESHAWAR, Sunday.

Two troop carrier aeroplanes to-day brought in another party of refugees from Kabul. The party included the wife of Mohammed Ashruf, a college professor, and the families of eight Turkish officers employed in the Afghan Army.

The situation at Kabul was unchanged when the machines left.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
BOMBAY, Saturday.

Ladies from Kabul continue to arrive here in small parties. All refuse to describe their experiences. The latest arrivals include a German teacher, Fraulein Koloch, and two Italians, Signora Baroni, the wife of a civil engineer, and Signorina Ramagnoli, a child.

GERMAN WOMAN INJURED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
NEW DELHI, Saturday.

The snow having cleared away somewhat, a further evacuation will be attempted by Royal Air Force 'planes to-day. Two Victoria Vickers troop-carrying 'planes are at present engaged in the rescue work, and it is probable that a third may be utilised later on. No less than 68 women and children have already been brought to safety in the three evacuations that have so far been possible.

Only one accident has been reported. Frau Beitz, the bride of a German engineer, who had just recently arrived in Kabul, although repeatedly warned, insisted on inspecting her luggage in the rack of the 'plane in which she was about to travel. She got in the way of the propeller and was knocked over and seriously injured. She is reported to be still unconscious, although there is hope of her recovery. The propeller was also damaged, but it was possible to replace it with one from the machine which was damaged some days ago.

The British authorities gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance received throughout from the Royal Afghan Air Force.

LEGATION WRECKED.

BUILDINGS STRUCK BY SCORES OF SHELLS.

From Reuter's Correspondent.
NEW DELHI, Saturday.

It appears that no less than sixty shells hit the British Legation buildings during the recent fighting, and many more fell into the grounds of the Legation.

The Afghan trade agent in Peshawar went to Dakka yesterday, and claims to have made a definite settlement with the Khugians. He also states that Ali Ahmed Jan, the former Governor of Kabul, who is now in the neighbourhood of Jalalabad, is discussing a settlement with the Shinwari and Mohmand rebels.

AFGHAN LEGATION'S STATEMENT.

"NORMAL CONDITIONS IN A FEW DAYS."

The Afghan Legation in London, in a statement on Saturday, said:—

Briefly, the general situation in Afghanistan has, during the past few days, greatly improved, and the Government expects that normal conditions will be restored throughout the country in the course of the next few days.

According to the latest telegrams received the rebels in the northern province of Afghanistan are in full flight before the concentrated attack and advance of the Government forces, aided by artillery and aeroplanes, which have caused much havoc among the rebel forces. It is expected that the rebels will shortly sue for peace, as they have been completely defeated.

In the eastern province of Jalalabad the Government are receiving the valuable assistance of the important tribe, the Mohmands, who have, on several occasions quite recently, fought on the side of the Government against the Shinwaris. Another important tribe, the Khugyanis, have already made their submission to the Afghan Government, which is now, on account of its recent victory over the Shinwaris, in a position to dictate terms to the rebel forces in the eastern province.

The Afghan Government has been consistently trying by peaceful measures to reconcile the rebels, who have been misled by certain interested people. The general situation at Kabul is normal and peaceful activities have been resumed. The Afghan Government hopes that in a very short time general order will be restored in the eastern province.

HOME SECRETARY "SNARED."

Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Home Secretary, while shooting on the Broadlands preserves at Romsey, Hampshire, last Saturday, caught his foot in a rabbit-snare. He did not observe the wire on his boot, and when his attention was called to it, he said: "It is not often that the Home Secretary gets caught in a snare." Sir William is the guest at Broadlands of Colonel Wilfred Ashley, M.P., and Mrs. Ashley.

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NORTHERN TRADE OUTLOOK.

THE LINEN INDUSTRY AND DE-RATING.

(From Our Belfast Correspondent.)

The year which has now drawn to a close has seen some slight improvement in trading conditions in Northern Ireland. Commerce and industry face a new year with much brighter prospects than they did twelve months ago.

THE SHIPYARDS.

Early in the year one of Belfast's two great shipyards was idle, while at the other the amount of work in hand was so short that staffs were being depleted. There has been a wonderful recovery. The firm of Workman, Clark and Co. has been reorganised, and, under the guidance of Mr. William Strachan, formerly secretary and director, as chairman of the board, starts the new year with every prospect of success. The necessary capital to buy the works and yards from the joint receivers was subscribed privately, and the new chairman has been instrumental in securing a number of orders, with the result that activity has returned not only to the north yard but also to the south yard, on the other side of the river, and to the great engine works on the Queen's road.

The first order received by the new firm was from the Belfast Corporation for a small sludge steamer, and since then the following orders have been booked:—A 20,000-ton whaling factory for Norwegian owners, a motor ship for Alfred Holt and Co., a steamer for the Ellerman Lines, and four steamers and four motor ships for Messrs. Andrew Weir and Co. All these orders were secured in face of keen competition, largely through the assistance afforded by the Loans Guarantee Act of the Northern Parliament, which guaranteed loans to ship-owners, and enabled them to place the orders in Belfast upon a most economical basis. Several million pounds have been guaranteed for shipbuilding purposes in the coming year.

A GREAT WHITE STAR LINER.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., have also a big construction programme for the coming year. The work actually in hand, or for which immediate preparation will be made, amounts to close upon 200,000 tons, and there is a prospect of still more orders coming to the firm in the near future The number of men employed in the firm's three Belfast yards during the past month is larger than at any period since 1920, and as the ships now in hand are further advanced, there will be a considerable increase in employment in the various shipbuilding trades.

The most notable order which Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., have received is the huge 60,000 ton White Star Liner. This vessel will be over 1,000 feet long, and when completed will be the largest vessel in the world. The keel will be laid down in the new East yard of the firm, but little work has yet been done. It is expected, however, that orders will be received to proceed with the vessel early in the new year. No indication has been given yet as to the type of machinery to be used in this leviathan, except that the electric drive will be utilised, but whether this will be generated by steam or motor engines has not yet been decided. It will take fully three years to complete this vessel, which should be a veritable floating palace.

OTHER WORK.

There are also on the stocks at the Queen's Island several high class passenger vessels, including the new Britannic (27,000 tons), for the White Star Line. The regrettable loss of the Celtic at the entrance to Cork Harbour may cause the White Star Lines to place an order for a vessel similar to the Britannic within the next few months. Two more ships of 20,000 tons each are being built for the Union Castle line, one of which is to be known as the Winchester Castle. These vessels are to be motor driven, as are also a passenger ship of 17,000 tons for the Pacific Steam Navigation Co., one of 14,000 tons for the Nelson Line, and one of 10,000 tons for the Elder Dempster Company.

For the Liverpool-Belfast service of the Belfast Steamship Company (Coast Lines) three motor ships of the highest class speed are being built, introducing the latest comforts for cross-Channel passengers, including a large number of single berth cabins. The Queen's Island firm have also under construction three more oil tankers for the Lago Company, and they are due for lunching early in the new year.

THE LINEN TRADE.

The linen trade has had a bad year. For the eleven months ending 30th November the exports of linen show a decline of about 18 per cent. in value. This is, to some extent, accounted for by the lower prices now prevailing; but the volume of exports is also down—about ten per cent. less than in 1927. There were several notable disappointments to the industry during the year. The United States market did not come up to expectations, while the refusal to schedule an important branch of the industry under the Safeguarding of Industries Act to enable it to cope with the competition in the home market of continental goods produced under lower wage and labour conditions, was keenly felt. In view of the fact that continental imports of linen goods into Great Britain are now officially recorded at over £1,000,000 for the year, it is not improbable that during the coming year some effort will again be made to secure relief under the Safeguarding of Industries Act.

Taking the trade as a whole, during the past year high-class damasks, certain kinds of dress linen, handkerchiefs, and embroidery goods have kept up well, but other classes of goods have been in poor demand. A bright feature has been the steady growth of the Dominion markets, which year by year are taking more linen goods. It is not unusual now to see representatives of linen houses, instead of going to the United States, as formerly, going to sell their goods in South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. The South American market is also inclined to take more linen from Northern Ireland, and it is hoped that during the coming year there will be a revival of buying in that country, in view of the prosperity of the people.

AMERICAN MADE LINEN.

Many of the large hotel and steamship companies who deserted linen for cotton goods during and after the war are also inclined to revert to the more durable and better finished pure linen damasks. America is producing more linen goods than ever before, and, aided by the high tariff, it would appear as if the goal of their manufacturers is to produce all the linen necessary for their own country's requirements, except the finer bleached goods made from the best Irish and Belgium flax, which they will not probably attempt for some years yet.

The linen trade requires for its revival a more abundant and a cheap flax supply, and the opening up of new markets in the Dominions, India, and Africa. A feature of the linen production during the year has been the increase in the amount of goods produced in combination with artificial silk. Some very fine damask cloths and napkins, into which a portion of artificial silk has been skilfully introduced, have been put upon the market. The artistic effect and the degree of excellence attained have only been made possible after elaborate experiment. The linen industry, which has large mills and factories and other rateable property in Belfast is looking forward with some degree of pleasurable anticipation to the introduction of the de-rating scheme next year, which will relieve productive industry of 75 per cent. of local rates. This also applies to other industries in Northern Ireland, which will eagerly welcome the measure, and its consequent reduction of over-head charges on factories and workshops.

AGRICULTURE AND DE-RATING.

Agriculture in Northern Ireland is looking forward to the new year with more hope of prosperity. The Government's de-rating scheme, which proposes to relieve agricultural land completely from rates, and also agricultural buildings and out-offices (apart from dwellings), is regarded by agriculturalists generally as a new charter, comparable in its benefits with the Land Acts. It has brought a ray of sunshine into an industry which has passed through acute depression during the past few years. On the other hand, residents in purely urban areas will watch with some anxiety the possible effects which the de-rating scheme may have upon them, particularly if there are any indications that the loss in rates from the agricultural areas may be re-imposed upon them.

Until the full details of the scheme are known it will not be possible to estimate its complete effect, notwithstanding the statements made in Parliament that Government grants will replace the loss from rates. In the meantime farmers are thankful for the concession announced.

Alderman D. Bourke, Limerick, was presented with an address by the Limerick Comhairle Ceanntair of Fianna Fail on the occasion of his marriage.

COMMERCIAL MEN AND TRADE.

THE YEAR 1928 IN THE FREE STATE.

TWO VIEWS.

Different views as to the state of trade in the Irish Free State during the year 1928 were expressed last Saturday at meetings in Dublin of two commercial travellers' associations. On the one hand it was stated that the country generally had a good time, that the general trade during the Christmas season had been very good, and a more hopeful view than ever was taken of the future of the country.

The other association, in their report stated that the year 1928 had not come up to their expectations, and that the difficulty of procuring money on account hit both travellers and traders, while the burden of taxation was crushing.

CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE.

GOVERNMENT'S GOOD WORK.

Sir Thomas Robinson, who presided at the annual general meeting of the Dublin Branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland (U.K.C.T.A.) Incorporated, in the Central Hotel, congratulated the Association on the excellent work done during the past year. During the first few years that he had the honour of acting as their president, they had a good many complaints to make about the difficulties that they had to face in carrying on their business in the newly constituted Free State. But it was significant that most of the grievances which they had spoken of then, had since been either wholly or partially redressed. (Hear, hear.) He was very much struck by the fact that some of these grievances were ventilated for the first time by that Association.

They had just closed the year, in which the Association had had a good time, and he was happy to say that traders in the country generally had a good time, too. The general trade during Christmas had been very good.

They were undoubtedly more optimistic than they ever were about the future of this country; and that confidence was born, to a great extent, from the increasing confidence that they had in the way in which the Government were governing the country. He thought that there was a determination by the Government to enable every one to carry on his work without interference or interruption. (Hear, hear.)

THE CUSTOMS BARRIER.

Many of the things that hampered them were centred round the new customs barrier in this country, but it was impossible, he supposed, that a change of that kind could take place without inconvenience to a great many, and without the education of the staff entrusted with the work. He thought that a great deal of that trouble had been dissolved. There was still need for indexing in the port goods under their proper character—whether they were dutiable or non-dutiable—so that the delay in having them sent back to Somerset House for examination would be obviated. Trade in the country was expanding and widening. The adverse trade balance was declining, and, as they knew, the Government issued their second National Loan, which was a great success, and it was very encouraging to everybody to know that the market price of the Government's first and second Loans to-day was a very fair index of the opinion held everywhere as to the stability of the Free State. (Hear, hear.)

He had every confidence that as time went on their work would be more pleasing, agreeable and prosperous. He believed that the time had come when the country would make a very substantial advance. They had heard a great deal about the Shannon scheme, and its expenditure. Well, he felt that the country was committed to the scheme and that it was a project that would create a great revival of trade. He believed that it would be a great factor in bringing about the development of industry, and that was what they needed in this country. He was satisfied that the Government was straining every effort to improve and develop the agricultural industry. He had seen Irish produce marketed across the water—and, after all, that was their chief market—and he could tell them that he was very proud of it. (Applause.)

THE ELECTIONS.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Davis, seconded by Mr. J. Cole, Sir Thomas Robinson was unanimously re-elected President of the Association, and he suitably replied.

Mr. J. F. Wilson was elected Chairman.

Mr. W. F. Weir, Honorary Secretary, in his report, stated that there was a net increase of seven members during the year. The railway companies had granted members of the Association week-end tickets at single fares, and had also given concessions as regards luggage. Facilities for travelling should, however, be much better than they were.

The report was adopted.

The Honorary Treasurer's report showed that the financial position was £18 17s. better than at the previous meeting.

The report was adopted.

Mr. A. H. Kirkpatrick was elected Vice-Chairman of the Association.

Mr. W. F. Weir was re-elected Honorary Secretary and Mr. F. A. Wyatt Honorary Treasurer.

An Executive Committee having been elected,

Thanks were passed to the Ladies' Committee for their work in support of the Samaritan Fund, to Mr. W. C. Ribbick, Honorary Auditor, and to the Central Hotel Company and Mr. and Mrs. Abbott.

A vote of thanks to the President concluded the business.

CO-ORDINATION URGED.

INCREASING DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. M. J. O'Sullivan, Chairman, who presided at the annual general meeting of the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation in Wynn's Hotel, spoke of the need of an organisation such as theirs. They had done well, and meant to preserve the same determination to advance in the future. At present they had a multiplicity of associations, and there was a great necessity for the co-ordination of all these associations in one national organisation.

He referred to appointments of outsiders being made in Ireland by English and other foreign firms. Things were becoming increasingly difficult for commercial travellers. Distributive competition from outside or within would not change this, while the struggle to catch business was in some cases carried beyond the limits of commercial prudence. Business failures were numerous. They had too many shopkeepers of the mediocre class, and, in addition, the trader with years of industry and attention was unscrupulously confronted in his business by an imported horde of hawkers, intermittently calling and offering for sale to householders in Dublin and many parts of the country goods of an inferior class and of no commercial value. This was an imposition on the community, and on the working classes in particular, and should be discouraged by Government restrictions.

THE REPORT.

Mr. M. J. Kilmurry, Secretary, presented the ninth annual report, and said that, as to the year just finished, they had all started out on their journeys filled with optimism for a good and successful year's business. Unhappily, 1928 had not come up to the standard of their expectations. From time to time statements had appeared in the Press declaring that the country had turned the corner and that the prospects were bright, but, if some of those who made those statements went for a journey or two through the country with any commercial traveller and heard the tales of the traders and shopkeepers as regards the difficulties of procuring money from accounts due to them, and the heavy burden of taxation that was crushing them, they would tell a different story. In this country—primarily agricultural—there had been for some time an apparent shortage of money. The farmer was getting a very low price for what he sold, and had to pay a high price for what he purchased. Hence he found it difficult to meet the demands made on him. Consequently, the trader was restricting credit, and, as a result, the orders to travellers were smaller and harder to obtain.

The membership of the Federation had

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A BURDEN ON THE RATEPAYERS.

COST OF CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The Longford County Council has passed a resolution calling on the T.D.'s for the constituency, and also the local members of the Senate, to support an amendment to the Industrial Schools Act, to provide that contributions towards the maintenance of children in industrial schools, paid by parents and guardians of children, supported and educated in the schools, be credited to the relief of the rates, instead of to the relief of the State contributions.

Mr. P. J. Hannan, solicitor to the County Council, stated that the Industrial Schools Act was a century old. When children were committed to industrial schools from the county the rates had to contribute 5s. per week per head towards their maintenance and education. The Government also contributed 5s. per head per week—a total of 10s. per head per week. The District Justice made an order that parents contribute certain sums weekly towards the cost when circumstances warrant it, but the contributions of the parents, or guardians, as the case may be, did not relieve the rates, but went to the State, according to the law as it stood. The ratepayers got no relief from the contributions of parents.

The Secretary (Mr. E. D. McCann) said that the sum payable by the County Council per year in this direction ran into thousands of pounds.

Mr. Hannan said that Mr. P. J. Brady had introduced an amending bill in the Oireachtas. He had not been re-elected a Senator, but the bill would come before the Oireachtas when it again assembled.

SERVICE AS A FAMILY TRADITION.

MEMORIAL WINDOW UNVEILED AT CASTLEKNOCK.

Yesterday morning, at St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock, the Archbishop of Dublin unveiled a stained glass window to the memory of the late Sir George and Lady Brooke and their eldest son, who fell in action in the Great War.

The window is a three-light one, designed by Messrs. J. Clarke and Son, 36 North Frederick street, Dublin. The centre opening is St. Hubert, patron of sportsmen, the subject at the base being the vision of St. Hubert. The left opening is St. George, the subject at the base being St. George and the dragon. The right opening is St. Luke, patron of artists, the subject at the base being St. Luke painting the Virgin Mary.

In the course of his sermon the Archbishop said:—"We have been taking part in a special act of remembrance this morning. We have been commemorating members of a family long and honourably connected with this parish and church. What the members of the Brooke family have been doing to-day is only what all of us should do: as Isaiah bade the people to do, we should 'look unto the rock whence we are hewn and to the hole of the pit whence we are digged.' The memory of those who went before us is one of the strongest appeals that can be made to us. It is a call to us to be something better than a mere self-seeker, a mere child of the moment; it bids us remember our place in the social fabric, our setting.

"The temptations of the world and the flesh are strong; why not seize the passing day and just enjoy? And the answer is, 'You have something else to consider than yourself. You are not your own: you belong to a society which has a right to your service.' It is in this connection that the old French saying, '*Noblesse oblige*,' speaks to us. We must remember where we come from. We cannot let our family, our stock, down. Our family is, in God's providence, the visible witness to each of us of that great social organism in which we have to live. While there are many who have never appreciated their duty as public servants, who are under obligation to their fellow-men at large, there are, thank God, very few who would have the meanness and unworthiness to say, 'I do not care if I do drag my family's name in the mud.' Such memory is a power; and so, on this day, I ask you to remember that you have each of you inherited, through possession of your respective family names, a sacred trust, which is to bind you, not only to your family's honour, but to your social duty. There is a false pride in rank and status, but there is a true pride in being the representative of honoured forbears. Memory, when it calls upon us to be worthy children of our stock, is appealing to one of the sacredest and most cogent of the higher instincts of our nature."

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SUNSHINE FUND.

FOUR HUNDRED DUBLIN CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

Under the auspices of the Sunshine Fund of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, an entertainment was given to four hundred children of the city slums in the Large Concert Hall of the Rotunda yesterday. The children were provided with tea, fruit and sweets, and when leaving each child received a parcel.

The concert was provided by Mr. Tom Powell's "Robinson Crusoe" Company from the Queen's Theatre. Mr. Tom E. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Harry Byrne acted as stage managers, and the following artists took part:—Messrs. Jack Booth, Fisher and Fern, Carl Otto. Mr. Billie Gill provided popular chorus numbers, which were joined in by the children. Miss Peggy O'Callaghan and the "Silver Belles" danced gracefully, while the Misses Lily and May Phelan, in song and dance, were well received. Messrs. Tom and Jim Burke added to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Kathleen Geraghty was the accompanist.

THE METROPOLE BALLROOM.

There was again a large attendance at the dance in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last Saturday night. The exhibition of modern ballroom dances by Miss Barbara Miles and Mr. Leonard Andrews was greatly admired, while the Abbey Theatre Ballet was warmly applauded for the "turns"—Traditional Czardas, Jack and Jill, Moment Musicalé and Les Buffons. The popular Rogers-May band supplied the music.

At the New Year's Eve Dance to-night, including buffet supper, souvenirs from Paris will be distributed. A feature of the occasion will be the Grand Christmas Cabaret and Anita and Dolys, in "Society Satires," from Ciro's Club, London.

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been well maintained during the year, and they hoped to see a larger influx of members in the coming year. The future of the Federation lay with the members. In this age of collective bargaining and combination it behoved the commercial traveller particularly to belong to an organisation which would look after his interests and protect him.

"THE IRISH COMPLEX."

In proposing that the Federation was worthy of support, Mr. M. O'Leary said that it was scarcely necessary to recall to mind the difficult times which their country had experienced in the last five years, when most of their members, in common with others, had made big efforts to "carry on." The Irish commercial traveller of to-day was endowed with the "Irish complex," pride of race, a growing independence and confidence in the future of his country. The Federation was alive to the exigencies of the moment. Their attention was directed to recent appointments made by English manufacturers, which called for immediate protest, and, if necessary, stronger measures would be adopted to ensure that Irishmen shall secure those positions in their own country. Peaceful penetration was not desirable now. Other Dublin organisations did not claim any particular comment, except a kindred Irish Association, whose good work commanded their respect and good-will.

They were essential, Mr. O'Leary said, to the social fabric, and what the veins were to the body the commercial travellers were to the nation.

Mr. J. Bannon seconded the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

A general discussion followed, and an enjoyable smoking concert was then held.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

DUBLIN'S STATUES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—You appear to me to have made out rather a poor case for the retention of Dublin's statues. You observe that "the view from O'Connell Bridge would be impoverished sadly by the loss of Nelson's Pillar or of the O'Connell Monument." I contend that the removal of those two obstructions is just the very thing that would enhance the prospect of Sackville or O'Connell street from the bridge, by leaving free display to the lineal stateliness of that fine thoroughfare. Again, you say that, if the statues are removed, Dublin "will appear to the casual visitor a noteless provincial town rather than the capital of a modern State." Surely, the permanent welfare and convenience of the citizens are more important than mere appearances to the casual visitor?

In any case, the statues need not be removed altogether. Let them rather be distributed more evenly over the metropolis. If some of the smaller ones in O'Connell or Sackville street were transferred, for instance, to such comparatively bare spaces as Beresford place Foster place, etc., it would help to furnish these areas, and might incidentally tend to obstruct casual orators, acrobats, and other vagabonds who assemble idle crowds and likewise mar the amenities of our thoroughfares.—Yours, etc., "D. P. M."

Dublin, December 29th, 1928.

DANGEROUS EXHAUST GASES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—May I draw the attention of motorists to the danger of running motor car engines within closed garages? When engines are started, and (as is customary during cold weather) allowed to run for warming up or for tuning purposes, an invisible and poisonous gas—carbon monoxide—is emitted from the exhaust which may have fatal results. The only safeguard against this insidious danger is proper ventilation of the garage, or, better still, always to run the engine with the garage doors open.—Yours, etc.,

Charles H. Murphy, Irish Secretary.

The Automobile Association, Suffolk street, Dublin, December 29th, 1928.

NEW STANDARD IN ROAD TRAVEL COMFORT.

SLEEPER-OBSERVATION 'BUS ON BELFAST TRIP.

The Irish Sleeper Omnibus Service, which was referred to in last Thursday's *Irish Times*, was initiated last Saturday, when the first observation and sleeper car to be seen in this country bore a party from Dublin to Belfast and back to Dublin.

The coachwork of the omnibus is of the latest design, and was specially built to meet the requirements of Mr. Furey (Furey's Tours), Dublin. It is a roomy, comfortable coach, having eight sets of four seats arranged *vis-a-vis*, which, when required, can be used as sleeping berths by swinging out four hinged supports from under the seats, the well-upholstered cushions fitting into the leg-room space. A wide, comfortable sleeping bunk then takes the place of the four seats. For day running, the "sleeper" becomes an "observation" coach. The seating arrangements, in sets of four seats, can be made a private compartment, each bunk or set of four seats having curtains, which can be drawn across the entire space. The windows on both top and bottom "decks" are on the sliding principle and are designed so as to give from all seats a clear view. The whole scheme of the 'bus has been well thought out and executed in the best workmanship. The "sleeper-observation" omnibus is mounted on the 426 type chassis, made by the Associated Equipment Co., Ltd.

The omnibus ran smoothly and satisfactorily on its first trip, and afforded the occupants a good view of the country through which it passed. It aroused a great deal of interest, and, in the North of Ireland, especially, crowds came to inspect it at the principal stopping places.

The party had lunch at the Grand Central Hotel, Belfast. Mr. James Boyd, secretary of the Ulster Motor Coach Association, proposing the toast of "Prosperity of the Free State," said that the prosperity of the Free State was bound up with the prosperity of Northern Ireland. Mr. Sean Milroy, responding, said that the time would come when some understanding would be arrived at between North and South.

Captain Hutchinson said that the disadvantages in regard to the development of motor traffic between North and South had not been due to the North.

Replying to the toast of "The Prosperity of Irish Road Transport," Mr. James McCrea, managing director, Belfast Omnibus Co., said that from the standpoint of road transport, there was a barrier between North and South which would have to be speedily removed, in order that the country as a whole might enjoy the tourist traffic to which it was entitled. In conjunction with another, he had tried last year to get that barrier removed, in order that the Belfast Omnibus Co. might run tourists to Southern Ireland on three to twelve days' tours. He had found that impossible, but hoped that in the near future the barrier would be removed.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS ENTERTAINED.

HAPPY PARTY AT BAGGOT STREET HOSPITAL.

A most enjoyable Christmas Tree and concert party were given to the patients of the Royal City of Dublin Hospital on Saturday. All the patients whom it was possible to move were congregated in one large ward, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. No pains were spared by the hospital staff, under the kindly guidance of the Matron, Miss Stokes, to make the patients as comfortable and happy as possible.

Mr. Falkiner Harding was an admirable Father Christmas in more ways than one; for not only did he undertake that part at the concert, but he also collected the money that bought the Christmas tree and many presents. Mr. Cecil Norman brought a concert party of excellent merit, which heightened the enjoyment of the evening.

Miss Stokes entertained the members of the committee and the friends of the hospital who were present to tea. Among the guests present were the child members of the Ministering Children's League, of Leeson Park Church, who support a cot in the Children's Ward.

DUBLIN THEATRES AND CINEMAS.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMMES.

The popular pantomime, "Dick Whittington and his Cat," will enter on its second week at the Gaiety Theatre.

"Something New" is the title of the minstrel show which is being presented by Alfred E. Dodds at the Theatre Royal. The Dixie Minstrels appear; also the Kentucky Dixie Belles, the Dixie Kids, and the Dixie Jazbos.

"Sinbad, the Sailor," with Jimmy O'Dea as the principal artist, will be continued at the Olympia Theatre.

George Bernard Shaw's play, "The Doctor's Dilemma," will be presented at the Abbey Theatre by the Abbey Company.

At the Capitol the principal film is "London after Midnight," starring Lon Chaney, supported by Conrad Nagel, Henry Walthall, Polly Moran and Claude King. "Under the Tonto Rim," featuring Richard Arlen and Mary Brian, also is shown. Other features are "The Southern Three," Alec C. Fryer and his Capitolians and the Capitol Tiller Girls.

"Shingled Crowns" is showing at the Grand Central Cinema; also "Coney Island," featuring Lois Wilson.

"The News Parade," starring Sally Phillips, is the attraction at the Grafton Cinema. Leslie Jones, baritone, contributes songs.

At the Metropole Cinema Rudolph Klein-Rogge and an all-star cast appear in "The Spy."

DIED ON DOORSTEP.

While standing on her doorstep Mrs. James Boyd, Carrickfin Island, North-West Donegal, was taken ill and died.

DUBLIN CORPORATION CLERKS.
Open Competition for Male Clerks, 25th April. Age 16-19. 2 Successes last exam.
BEST RESULT. 4 of 8 Vacancies Sept., 1926.
Classes resume work, Monday, 31st Dec.—
SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green.
—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

HEAVY BUYING.

(Reuter's Telegrams.)

NEW YORK, Saturday.

Stocks opened irregular, and realising and the adjustment of year-end accounts imparted considerable irregularity in the late trading. Some issues attained new high levels, particularly American Smelting and Refining, which rose 13¼ points to 292¼, while a few ended with losses of 1 point to 9 points. Heavy buying featured the early dealings, due to relief over the monetary situation and confidence in the New Year business forecasts. A number of advances, ranging from 3 to 14 points, were achieved by selected railroads and specialities, which, however, were mostly modified later. Wright Aero reached 275, but reacted to 268, while Radio touched 383 and then declined to 376. Vanadium, Montgomery Ward, American International, and Burroughs Adding Machine were among those sustaining material declines on the day. The "ticker" was 52 minutes late. The market closed irregular. Government Bonds quiet; Railroad Bonds easy. The day's sales totalled 2,583,000 shares.

Railroad earnings for November:—

Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific, gross 11,699,000, increase 84,000, net 1,980,000, decrease 375,000.

	Sat.	Fri.
Call Money	Nom.	12b. 12¼a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.81⅛	4.81
Do. do. Demand Bills	4.85	4.84⅞
Cable Transfers	4.85½	4.85⅝
Do. Montreal	4.86 13/16	4.87
Exchange Paris cable	3.91¼	3.91⅝

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Sat.	Fri.
201⅛	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	195¼	194
106⅜	Do. Preferred	103½	103½
123⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	119⅝	120⅝
241½	Canadian Pacific	234¾	235
34¾	Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul	33¾	33⅞
89⅞	Chicago and North-West	87¼	86½
72⅛	Erie Shares	70⅝	71½
64⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	62¼	63¼
144 11/16	Illinois Central	140½	140½
149⅝	Louisville and Nashville	145	145¼
7⅝	Mexican Nat. 1st Preferred	7	7¼
51¾	Missouri, Kansas and Texas	50¼	51⅛
63⅞	Missouri Pacific	62	62½
192⅞	New York Central & Hudson R.	187	186¼
194 11/16	Norfolk and West Com.	189	190
112	Northern Pacific Com.	108¾	108
77⅞	Pennsylvania Shares	74⅞	72½
108⅞	Reading Shares	105¼	105
43¼	Do. Preferred	42	42
129½	Southern Pacific	125¾	125¼
151	Southern Railway	146⅝	146⅝
224⅞	Union Pacific	218	214
86	Do. Preferred	83½	83½
113 13/16	American Can. (New Stock)	109¾	111⅛
299 11/16	American Smelt. and Refining	291	279
119⅜	Anaconda Copper	115⅞	115⅝
15 15/16	Anglo-American Oil	15⅛	15½
87⅞	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	84⅞	85⅛
31 7/16	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	30½	30½
110⅝	New York Consolidated Gas	107⅝	107⅞
224⅞	General Electric (New Stock)	218	218
201⅝	General Motors (New)	195¾	194¼
6⅛	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	6	6
38⅞	Do. Pref. Certs.	37¼	37⅛
34½	International Pet. of Canada	50	50
128¾	National Lead	125	129½
48 15/16	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	47½	48
57 15/16	Shell Transport and Trading	56⅛	56⅝
28 11/16	Shell Union Oil	27⅞	28⅛
43¼	U.S. Rubber	42½	41¾
164⅛	United States Steel Common	159⅞	159⅞
145⅛	Do. Preferred	141	141¼
—	Silver Commercial Bars	57⅜	57⅜
	BONDS.		
95¼	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	92½	92½
82⅝	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	80	80⅝
97⅛	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	94⅝	94⅝
111¼	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort 5% Bonds	108	107⅛
121 11/16	U.K. 5½% Bonds. 1929	118⅛	
106¼	Do. do. 1937	103⅝	104
	U.K. Funding Loan		
109 5/16	7% German Loan	106	106⅛

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; § Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Clos'g Prices Sat.	Fri.
42⅞	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd	41¾	41½
16 15/16	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd	16½	16½
63¾	Do. Preferred	64	62
77⅝	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd.	75¼	74⅞
3⅞	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	3¾	4
30 13/16	Do. 1st Preference Series B.	30	30
6⅞	Do. 2nd Preference	6¾	6¼
38¼	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd	37¼	37¼
111 5/16	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	108	108
41 15/16	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co.	40⅛	40
29¼	Canada Power & Paper Corp.	28½	29
39 1/16	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd.	38	36
94 7/16	Do. New 6 p.c.	92	92
384 15/16	Con. Mining and Smelt. Co. of Canada, Ltd.	385	379
120 5/16	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	117	117
8½	Bollinger Gold Mining Shares	8¼	8¼
111½	Montreal L. H. and P. Cons'd.	108½	108
139 1/16	National Breweries, Ltd.	133	133⅞
66⅝	Port Alfred P. & P. Corp. Com.	64⅞	64⅞
101 15/16	Do. Preferred	99	99¼
72 15/16	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	71	70
89⅜	Quebec Power Co. New Stock	87	85½
89⅝	Shawinigan W. & P. Co. (New)	87	86½
224 15/16	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	219	219⅞
70⅞	Wayagamack	69	69
108 15/16	Winnipeg Electric	106	103
406 13/16	Bank of Montreal	396	399
339	Canadian Bank of Commerce	330	330
390⅝	Royal Bank of Canada	380	381

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spots easy, 1⅛c. to 1c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Amber Durum, spot	122⅞	124⅜
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	109⅞	111⅜
No. 2 Northern Manitoba, spot	132½	133½
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	130⅜	131⅞
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	152⅜	158⅞

RYE easier, ⅜c. decline. No. 2 spot, 117.

MAIZE steady, ¼c. lower.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	102⅞	103⅛

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day	Prev. day
Standard White in cases	17.65	17.65
Standard White in barrels	14.25	14.25
Do. Philadelphia	14.25	14.25
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	3.60-3.85	3.60-3.85

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban spot steady and unchanged; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 3.83. Approximate day's sales—26,000 tons.

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Oct.
To-day	1.94	2.00	2.09	2.15	2.20	2.21
	Dec., 1929—2.27					
Prev. day	1.92	2.01	2.09	2.15	2.20	2.23

TALLOW steady. Spot extra loose, 9; special extra, 8⅞; in tierces, 9⅛.

COTTON SEED OIL—Futures barely steady and 1 point up to 2 points down. Prime summer yellow, spot, 10.00. Closing options—January, 10.21; March, 10.35; May, 10.54; July, 10.69.

SHELLAC—T.N., 44½.

TURPENTINE—Spot, 62; Savannah, spot, 62.

METALS—Tin steady. Spot and February unchanged. Spot and nearby, New York, 50.37½. Future option—February, 50.37½. Lead steady and unchanged. Spot, New York, 6.50; spot, East St. Louis, 6.37½. Zinc steady and unchanged. Spot, East St. Louis, 6.35. Pig Iron, Northern No. 2 Plain, f.o.b. Furnace, Eastern Pennsylvania, 19.95; No. 2 Plain Buffalo (delivery Boston), 20.45 by rail. Copper—The United States Copper Export Association quotes copper, c.i.f. Hamburg, 16.50.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened steady and unchanged. The market afterwards declined owing to the easiness of Liverpool and the larger offerings of old Plate wheat for January shipment to Europe. A bearish forecast for higher temperatures, along with the poor export demand for Manitobas, assisted the downward movement, and the market closed easy at ¾c. to ⅞c. loss. Opening options—December, 116½; May, 122⅝; July, 124⅜. Closing options—December, 115¾; May, 121¾; July, 123½. Rye easy, and 1c. to ½c. lower. Closing options—December, 101¼; May, 106¼. Oats steady at ⅛c. up to ⅜c. lower. Closing options—December, 51⅞; May, 56¼; July, 55½. Barley easier at ⅛c. to ⅝c. decline. Closing options—May, 70½. Flaxseed easy at 2⅛c. to 1⅛c. loss. Closing options—December, 191⅜; May, 194⅞.

Wheat receipts (carlots).	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 1 Northern	5	8
No. 2 Northern	79	95
No. 3 Northern	166	217
No. 4 Northern	167	203
Other grades	320	382
Total	737	905

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady and 4 points to 1 point higher. Business was quiet, and consisted mostly of exchanging nears to distants, some trade buying absorbing moderate liquidation. Trade reports continue to be favourable. The market closed steady, 2 points up to 2 points down. Spot quiet and unchanged. New Orleans futures opened 2 to 3 points higher, but soon eased, and around 10 o'clock January was quoted 19.54, March 19.58, May 19.57, and July 19.48. A rally followed, and at 10.15 January reached 19.55, March 19.59, May 19.58, and July 19.50. Values at the close were 3 points down to 1 point up. Spot shows no change.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 20.55.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 2,000 bales; Gulf, 18,000; Pacific, nil; interior towns, 8,000.

Exports—Great Britain, nil; Continent, 4,000 bales; Japan and China, 7,000.

RUBBER firmer. First latex crepe, spot, 18⅜ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 17⅞ buyers, 18⅛ sellers.

National Metal Exchange. Closing New York Tin Futures:—Tin firm. Closing options—January, 50.20; February, 50.10 to 50.15; March, 50.10; April, 50.10; May, 50.10; June, 50.05.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Saturday.

WHEAT opened barely steady and ⅛c. to ¼c. lower, due to the large December contract deliveries. Further declines followed, influenced by a private estimate indicating the Southern hemisphere exportable surplus at 63,000,000 bushels above last year. It was also privately estimated that the United States carry-over on July 1st next will be 192,000,000 bushels. The market closed easy, 1¼c. to 1⅜c. down. Spot easy.

	To-day.	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	118½	118
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	—	—

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
To-day	113⅛	117½	120	121⅜
Prev. day	114	118⅛	120½	121½

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May	July
To-day	112	116¼	118⅝	119⅞
Prev. day	113¼	117⅝	120¼	121⅝

MAIZE was easy at the opening and ⅛c. to ¼c. lower. The close was easy, with December 1⅛c. and later positions ⅛c. to ⅜c. down.

Spot, No. 2 mixed Western unquoted.

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	85	87⅞	90⅝
Prev. day	86¼	88¼	91⅛

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	84¼	87⅞	90½
Prev. day	85½	88⅛	90⅞

OATS dull and unchanged to ⅛c. lower.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	48½	47⅜	48⅛
Prev. day	48½	47½	48⅛

RYE easy, with futures ½c. to ⅜c. down. No. 2, spot, unquoted.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	Mar.	May
To-day	102	104⅛	107
Prev. day	102¼	104⅝	107⅝

PROVISIONS—Lard at the opening was barely steady, and prices declined owing to the pressure of December contract deliveries and on lower Liverpool advices. The closing was barely steady, with futures 7½ to 10 and spot 7½ points lower. Prime Western steam, spot, 11.17½. Ribs advanced on a demand for January and May by packers, and closed firm at 10 to 25 points advance.

Lard—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	May
To-day	11.17½	11.57½	11.70	11.85	12.12½
Prev. day	11.25	11.67½	11.80	11.92½	12.22½

Ribs—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	11.60	11.65	12.35
Prev. day	11.50	11.40	12.10

BACON steady. Short ribs, spot (60lbs. average), 11.75.

HOGS firmer, with light sorts 15 and heavy 10 to 5 points up. The week's hog-pack at Chicago totalled 115,000, compared with 261,000 last week and 111,000 last year. Light weights 8.50 to 9.00, heavy 8.60 to 8.90.

	To-day	Same day last year
Receipts—Chicago	18,000	5,000
Western Cities	80,000	25,000

The receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1, total 5,506,000, against 4,839,000 for the same season last year.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

Norwich supplies small and beef better trade—Doncaster Holiday Market—Rubber firm—Sugar steady—Butter lower at Cork.

CATTLE.

DONCASTER.—Holiday market. Very few English stores, at from £12 to £18 10/-. Very light show of milk beasts, and demand falling off. Best milkers up to £32. No sheep. Fair show of pigs; suckers 8/- to 14/-, strong stores 45/- to 55/- each.

NORWICH.—Supplies all round were small, store cattle being insufficient to quote. Beef met a better trade, and ranged from 11/6 to 12/6 per stone. There was a good demand for calves at £5. A good inquiry was experienced for mutton hoggets, making up to 1/3 per lb. Pigs were penned in fair numbers, and pork was in better request at 12/- per stone. Fat hogs were in demand at £8 15/-, fat sows at £11, and feeders at 66/-. Strong stores realised 52/-, small stores were in keener request. At market—Cattle 394, sheep 350, and pigs 593.

DONNELLY LIMITED.

PIGS.

Under 4 stone	80/-	per cwt., dead-weight.
" 5 "	84/-	" "
" 6 "	80/-	" "
" 8 "	72/-	" "
" 10 "	70/-	" "
" 13 "	68/-	" "
" 14 "	64/-	" "
" 16 "	60/-	" "
Sows	48/-	" "

1928 LAMBS.

All weights, Choice	11½d.	per lb., dressed-weight.
" " Good	11 d.	" "
" " Plain	10½d.	" "
" " Culls	9½d.	" "

—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT—Cargo market quiet, but holders required, generally steady prices. White Pacific January sellers, 47/9, No. 2 Northern Manitoba December 47/-, No. 3 ditto 45/9, ditto Pacific shipment 45/6, Rosafe (63lbs.) 45/9, Barusso (63lbs.) ditto 43/3, January-February 43/3. Australian January 47/3 per 480lbs. Parcels quiet, and the turn easier for most descriptions. MAIZE—Cargoes firmer, and reservedly offered. White Rhodesian arrived sellers 39/9 bags, 39/3 bulk; Plate steamers afloat sellers 41/6, January 41/9, February 42/-, April-May 36/6, May-June 36/3. Parcels firmer: Plate December-January 40/6, January-February 41/-, April-May 36/-, May-June 35/7½ per 480lbs. BARLEY quiet. Parcels of No. 3 Canadian Western December 32/3, No. 4 ditto 31/-, Canadian feed ditto 27/10½, No. 2 Federal American 27/6, Persian 31/- per 400lbs. OATS dull. Plate f.a.q. December-January, also January-February, 23/6, No. 3 white clipped American (360lbs.) December-January 25/9, Chilean February-March 24/- per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed to-morrow (New Year's Day). WHEAT—American and Argentine markets finished rather better than expected, but, with free sellers here at the outset, forward deliveries of wheat gave way moderately, fluctuated slightly, but finished at the worst point. C.i.f. parcels of wheat not traded in. No. 3 Manitoba January quoted 45/6, Rosario-Santa Fe (63lbs.) about due 42/- per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE River Plate February-March sold at 41/4½, and American mixed December-January 37/9 per qr. Wheat on the spot quiet and unaltered. Maize spot parcels quiet at 8/9 to 8/10 per cental for River Plate. FLOUR quiet and officially unchanged; straightrun 34/- per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened ½d. per cental lower, lost a further ½d. to ¾d., then recovered ½d., but closed quiet at ½d. to ¾d. under Friday night. Sales 120 loads, at 9/1½, 9/1¼ and 9/1½ for March, 9/2½, 9/2¼, 9/2½ and 9/2¼ May, and 9/3¾ to 9/3½ for July delivery. Values—December 8/10¼, March 9/1¼, May 9/2½, July 9/3½ per cental. River Plate maize options closed unchanged. Values—December 8/8½, January 8/9½, February 8/10¼, and 8/8½ paid for December delivery. American mixed closed unchanged to ½d. lower. Values—January 8/5½, February 8/5½, March 8/6.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed to-morrow New Year's Day. BACON—There is little inquiry for any description, holders generally being free sellers, with Irish and Continental obtainable under official prices in most instances. American, however, fairly steady on limited supplies. HAMS scarce and short cut firmly held at the recent advance. Shoulders quiet and unaltered. LARD on the spot, with easier c.i.f. quotations, is reduced 3d. to 6d. per cwt.; prime steam now offered at 60/- to 61/- and American refined 61/- to 63/- per cwt., but trading of only moderate extent. CHEESE quiet, with only a moderate inquiry at recent currencies. BUTTER remains easy at late rates, though Colonial steadily held. EGGS quiet at lower prices of 21/- to 22/6 per 120 for Irish fresh hen, with duck still nominal.

LIVERPOOL REFINED LARD "FUTURES."—Chicago finished worse than expected, and with offerings made more freely here prices gave way partially 3d. per cwt., but fair quantities changed hands. Sales covered Dec. at 60/6 to 60/3, Jan. 60/- to 60/1½, March 61/- to 61/3, May 62/4½, and April quoted 61/9 buyers. Closing prices—Dec. 60/6, Jan. 60/3, March 61/3, May 62/6 per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Cabbage in fair supply and a better sale; little to feature in other commodities. York cabbage 18/- to 25/-, 30/-, and 35/-, Savoys 15/- to 20/- and 25/- per load, celery 2/6 to 4/6, 5/6, and 6/- per dozen, cauliflowers 1/3 to 1/9 and 2/- per dozen, swede turnips 1/2 to 1/3 per cwt., mangolds 1/3 per cwt.; other stuff much as previously quoted.

DUBLIN POTATO.—With abundant supplies of potatoes and slow trade values have weak and uncertain undertone, but as any cut in prices is not likely to increase appreciably the consumptive sale, factors quote terms much as before. Best quality table potatoes 4/9 to 5/-, extra nice stuff 5/3; other sorts 4/- to 4/6 per cwt.

CORK BUTTER.—Quiet tone; slow inquiry, and prices receded 4/- a cwt. Creameries 192/- to 196/- per cwt.

DUBLIN FISH.—Five chests of lobsters averaged 17/6 to 25/- per 13, others 5/-, 7/6, 12/6 and 15/- average. Other arrivals consisted mostly of oddments from country stations. Turbot 1/- to 12/6 and 15/-, brill 6d. to 3/6 each, best soles 40/- to 42/6, mediums 20/- to 30/-, slips 10/- to 12/- per lot; half boxes plaice 40/- to 50/-, ray 12/6 to 20/-. Herrings around 5/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; steady demand. Soles 12d. to 17d., slips 12d. to 15d. per lb., live eels 12/- to 30/-, dead 10/- to 25/- per draught, turbot 9/- to 11/-, brill 7/- to 9/-, plaice 7/- to 12/-, halibut 12/- to 15/-, lemon soles 12/- to 15/-, whitches 6/- to 10/-, cod 5/- to 7/-, whiting 3/- to 5/-, hake 8/- to 10/-, skate 4/- to 6/-, haddocks 4/- to 6/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR — The market closed the week with a quiet tone, but no change occurred in quotations of either British standards or home-grown granulated. Foreign quietly steady for shipment. White Mauritius spot 21/9 to 22/6, January-February 14/9 c.i.f. U.K.; Czecho granulated ready 12/-, January-March 12/3 f.o.b.; Dutch "J" prompt 12/1½, January-March 12/4½ f.o.b.; Cuban centrifugals basis 96 per cent., February-March sold 9/10½ c.i.f. Clyde and to Holland at 9/11¼ c.i.f. Terminals quiet and easier. Raws—January quoted 9/3, March sold 9/1½, May 9/3, August 9/6¾ sellers, December (1929) 9/9¾ sellers. White—December quoted 12/1½, March sellers 12/3½, May sold 12/5¼, August sellers 12/9 per cwt. COFFEE—Market quiet, but late rates were maintained for all the finer liquoring sorts. COCOA—Accra steady. F/F January-March sold 41/9 and sellers, February-April sellers 42/- f.o.b. terms. Terminal quiet; December quoted 46/6, January 46/6, February 46/6, March 46/6, April 46/10½, May 47/1½, July sellers 48/-, September sold 48/9 per cwt. RICE—Markets dull. Rangoon No. 2 spot sellers 15/9, Burma two stars January-February nominally 13/6 c.i.f. U.K. Spanish oiled spot 22/6, January-February 20/- to 20/6, Italian cleaned January-February 20/- to 20/6 c.i.f. U.K. Peas firmer, with a better demand; Japanese November-December, also Dec.-Jan. sellers 18/3, Jan.-Feb. sold 18/1½ and buyers, February-March 18/3 and buyers. Beans quiet. Madagascar butters afloat sellers 33/6 to 33/9, November-December 33/6, December-January 33/3, January-February 33/- per cwt. SPICE—Pepper market firm. Black Lampong October-December sold 1/4½ to 1/4¾, January-March 1/3½; white Muntok October-December buyers 1/11, January-March 1/11; Pimento spot 1/1. Zanzibar cloves spot 1/3 per lb. Sago flour firmly held; Sarawak to U.K. January-March buyers 11/10½. Tapioca dull; Singapore flake to Havre December-January sellers 21/3 per cwt.

RUBBER—Rubber was quiet but a firm tone, and prices improved 1-16d. all round. Spot and January closed at 8¾d., January-March 8 13-16d., April-June 9 1-16d., July-September 9 5-16d., and October-December 9 9-16d. London stocks are expected to show an increase. JUTE—Quiet, but fully steady. Firsts to Continent December-January quoted £32 5/-, January-February sold £32 12/6, February-March quoted £33 2/6; lightnings December-January quoted £29 15/-, January-February buyers £29 15/-. Hearts January-February sellers £27 per ton. HEMP—Manila firmer. J. 2 January-March sold £39 5/-, K do. £37 15/-, February-April £38 10/-, L 1 January-March quoted £37 10/-, L 2 sold £30 to £30 10/-, M 1 £31 10/-, M 2 £28 per ton. Sisal unaltered. SHELLAC—Quietly steady. Fair T.N. spot 197/6, March quoted 187/-, May sold 184/- to 185/- per cwt. COPRA—Quiet, but late rates maintained. Straits sundried January-February to Rotterdam sellers £23 2/6, Dutch East Indies January-February £24 15/-, Ceylon do. £26 5/-. Palm kernels to Hamburg January-February sellers £20 3/9 per ton.

OILS—Linseed dull. Spot 29/-, February-April 27/10½, May-August 28/3, September-December 28/7½. Rape dull. Crude spot 42/-, refined 44/-. Cotton steady. Crude Egyptian spot 30/-, common edible 35/6, deodorised 37/6. Cocoanut quiet, Ceylon spot drums 42/-, January-February 37/9, Galle do. 37/3 per cwt. OILSEEDS—Linseed quiet and tendency easier. Bold Bombay to London January-February sellers £18 17/6, February-March £18 10/-; Plate to Hull January clearance sellers £15 10/-, January-February £15 6/3, February-March £15 6/3, March-April £15 6/3, April-May £15 7/6. Rapeseed inactive; Toria to Hull-Continent January-February £18 15/-. Cottonseed steadier; Egyptian black to Hull January £9 18/9, February £10, March £10 1/3; white January £9 13/9, February £9 15/-, March £9 16/3; Bombay January-February £9. Groundnuts weaker; Coromandel machined January-February £19 15/-, February-March £19 16/3, March-April £19 17/6, April-May £20 1/3; bold Bombay January-February £19 7/6; East African afloat £19 17/6 per ton.

LIVERPOOL.—New Year Holiday to-morrow (Tuesday), an official closing day. Cane SUGAR quiet; sellers basis 96 deg. pol. parcels February-March shipment to U.K. at 10/- per cwt. c.i.f. COCOA—West African spot slow; fine Accra quoted 48/- to 48/6 in bond; forward main crop sellers January-March 41/6, and February-April shipments 41/9 per cwt. f.o.b. D clause fair fermented Accra kinds. COFFEE—Little doing, except in selected grades. RICE—Burmah quiet, steady; 15/9 for No. 2 spot, 14/3 November-December old c.i.f. and 13/9 per cwt. c.i.f. January-February shipments. HEMP—Manila firm, but quiet; K grade sold £38 February-April and £37 10/- per ton January-March shipments c.i.f. SAGO FLOUR—Sarawak quiet steady at 13/3 to 13/9 ex store, and 11/9 per cwt. c.i.f. December-January shipments. JAPANESE PEAS unaltered at 20/6 cwt spot and c.i.f. afloat parcels. RANGOON BEANS—White hand-picked spot scarce and nominal; for arrival new crop 18/6 per cwt. c.i.f. quoted March-April shipments. BEANS—Chilian white Pallares spot held for 33/6, and forward 28/6 c.i.f. Chilian white Caballeros Haricots to arrive remain at 28/6 c.i.f.; Madagascar butter in store held for 34/- per cwt. HONEY steady, sellers spot Chilian 42/6 to 47/6 Pile X, 40/- Pile 1, 38/6 Pile 2, and 35/- per cwt. Pile 3. QUILLAI BARK remains at 47/6 to 50/- spot and 44/- per cwt. c.i.f. December-January. ARROWROOT—Genuine St. Vincent ex store Liverpool quoted 5½d. to 6½d. fine quality, and 4½d. to 5½d. per lb. medium. RICE BRAN—Burmah without change to notice at £7 12/6 December shipment, £7 7/6 February, and £7 5/- per ton March all ex ship terms. LOCUST BEANS—Cyprus sellers asking £8 5/- ex store in bags, and £7 2/6 per ton c.i.f. in bulk forward shipments.

OILCAKES—Imported brands steady, but trading very moderate. American Linseed quoted £12 7/6, River Plate £12 7/6, Bombay expeller £12 c.i.f. December shipment. Egyptian undecorticated Cottonseed remain at £8 ex ship December. Burmah Ground Nut quoted £8 17/6 37 p.c. and £9 2/6 40 p.c. c.i.f. December-January shipment. American Cottonseed Meals quoted £12 7/6 for 49 p.c. and £11 5/- 36 p.c. c.i.f. December-January shipments. Liverpool made Palm Kernel steady at £9 15/- crushed meals, £9 10/- cakes and £8 15/- per ton sweetened crushed meals ex mills. LINSEED steady at £15 13/9 per ton for R. Plate January shipments. COTTONSEED—Buyers Brazil f.a.q. forward £8 10/- per ton quay terms, sellers indifferent. PALM KERNELS steady with sellers at £20 7/6 December-January, £20 6/3 January-February, £20 5/- per ton February-March; buyers to Liverpool 2/6 less. COCOA NUT OIL quiet steady; mill oils remain at £38, and white Ceylon £38 15/- per ton in drums forward shipment c.i.f. Liverpool. SEED OILS—Liverpool Cottonseed steady but slow, at 35/6 common edible, 37/6 deodorised nett naked, ex mills; and Linseed crushers ask 33/6 for raw and 35/6 per cwt. boiled spot covered, and buyers interested. PALM OIL quiet, steady; soft oils spot quoted £37, and December-January arrival £36 15/- per ton.

TALLOW inactive; S. American December-January quoted 41/- per cwt. c.i.f. CASTOR OIL—English steady, with 49/6 quoted for pharmacy, 44/6 firsts, and 42/- ex mills Hull in barrels. Bombay in drums to arrive remains at 40/- cwt. c.i.f. Liverpool; good seconds Calcutta for arrival steady, but quiet at 5¾d. per lb. quay terms Liverpool in cases. RUBBER—Para hard fine spot 10½d.; buyers Plantation spot 8¾d., January 8¾d., January-March 8 15-16d., April-June 9 1-16d., July-September 9 5-16d. per lb. NITRATE OF SODA quiet; ordinary quoted £10 6/-, refined £10 8/6, super-refined £10 11/- per ton December delivery carriage paid; January to March 2/- per month extra. CUTCH—Burmah quietly steady at 45/- to 48/- per cwt. spot. GUM—Niger Arabic sparingly offered on spot at steady rates. GAMBIER steady; block on spot quoted 27/6 to 28/-, and forward shipments 23/- to 24/- c.i.f.; No. 1 cubes rather scarce, with 44/- to 45/- asked on spot; forward shipments held for 42/- to 43/- per cwt. c.i.f. TURPENTINE quietly steady at 50/6 per cwt. spot American. PETROLEUM OILS—American refined steady; spot in barrels 11½d. to 1/0, and spot in bulk 8½d. to 9½d. per gallon. ROSIN steady; American F and G quoted 23/-, N 25/-, WG 26/6 and WW 28/- per cwt. spot.

LIVERPOOL SUGAR.—The following are Messrs. Tate and Lyle's, Ltd., quotations:—Crystals: No. 1 26/6, small No. 1 26/-, No. 2 24/9, bright 24/7½; granulated—standard 24/6, H.T.S. 24/7½, coarse 24/10½, fine 24/10½, ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes, ex refinery in London—No. 1 27/3, H.T.S. 27/-, afternoon tea 27/6, less 1½ p.c. discount.

CLYDE SUGAR.—The refined sugar market has been slow during the week, but prices have been steady. Market closes very quiet, with only a small business doing. Prices are unchanged. Clyde fine granulated 24/3, ordinary 24/-.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. — American futures opened unchanged to 2 points higher. Business was only on a small scale during the morning, and fluctuations were within narrow limits. Market closed quiet at 2 points decline to unchanged on the day. Egyptian futures opened higher, and prices remained very steady during the session. The close was quiet at 3 to 2 points advance for Sakellaridis and 5 to 4 points higher for Upper. Spot market—There was small demand for American, with quotations reduced 5 points. Brazilian dull and quotations are 5 points lower. Egyptian dull. Quotations of Sakellaridis, with the exception of "extra fine," are 10 points higher. East Indian quotations are 5 points lower.

LEICESTER WOOL.—No business has been done during the past week, the factories having remained closed.

HIDES AND LEATHER MARKET.

(SPECIAL REPORT.)

With no auction held at Bermondsey last week little interest was displayed in hides and owing to the holiday interruption the private trade was restricted, there being only a few desultory transactions at about late rates. Imported hides were also inactive, with insufficient business to test values. In the leather trade conditions were quiet, and no real progress is expected until early in January. A few small parcels of repairing bends were sold at firm rates, and a few sales were reported in cheap light-weight bends. The offal market remained quiet and unchanged. Upper leathers were slow, but holders of all desirable descriptions were not pressing, and prices all round ruled steady.

LAWN TENNIS.

CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT.

DEFEAT OF BOROTRA.

PARIS, December 29.

In the Covered Courts Lawn Tennis Christmas Tournament (Men's Singles) Cochet only beat De Buzelet, who was showing magnificent form and speed, with difficulty 9-7, 4-6, 6-4, and Jean Borotra beat Christian Boussus 6-4, 6-4.

In the quarter finals of the women's singles, Madame Golding beat Mademoiselle Neufeld 6-4, 5-6 6-0.

Men's Doubles (Quarter Finals).—The brothers Torralva beat Joba and R. Laurent—9-7, 6-3.

Women's Doubles (Quarter Finals).—Mme. Vaussard and Mme. de Montebello beat Mme. Danet and Mlle. Lacarriere—6-3, 6-4.

Mixed Doubles (Semi-finals).—Mme. Desloge and R. de Buzelet beat Mlle. J. Gallay and C. Boussus —3-6, 13-11, 6-2.

December 30.

In to-day's play Cochet beat Borotra 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. In the women's semi-finals Madame Golding beat Mlle. J. Gallay 6-0, 4-6, 7-5, and Madame Bordes beat Madame Barbier 6-1, 6-4.

In the semi-final of the men's doubles Cochet and de Buzelet beat Thurneyssen and Gentien 6-3, 9-7.

In the mixed doubles semi-finals Mlle. Serpieri and Borotra beat Madame Barbier and Thurneyssen 5-7, 7-5, 8-6.

Cochet seemed to all observers to have shown himself far the better player in his match with Borotra, and had the game well in hand all the time. It is thought among French lawn tennis experts that he will outclass any players he is likely to meet.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR DUBLIN CHILDREN.

A company of over 300 boys and girls, attached to the Mission Halls in Whitefriar street and North Strand, the Y.M.C.A., and Salvation Army, were entertained in the Schoolroom of Abbey Presbyterian Church, Rutland square. A liberal tea had been provided, and on leaving each of the youngsters received a gift of fruit and sweets. Prominent in an attractive programme was Priner, conjuror and ventriloquist, who held the attention of his audience and greatly amused them with his entertainment; Mr. T. Chevis contributed mandoline selections, and song and dance items also added much to the pleasure of the evening.

CURRAGH FIRE.

GROCERY PREMISES DESTROYED.

The grocery and hardware premises of Mr. John J. O'Connor, Curragh, were destroyed by fire last Friday night. The damage is estimated at £1,000.

At the time of the outbreak the family were having their tea in a room off the shop. The shop lighting was supplied by a petrol lamp, and it is thought that this lamp may have come in contact with some of the Christmas decorations.

The Curragh Fire Brigade, and Civic Guards Lennon and Revelle, from Newbridge Barracks, were quickly on the scene, as well as many neighbours, but the fire by then had caught a serious hold of the premises, which with the large amount of stock were burned. It was with difficulty that the fire was prevented from spreading to premises adjoining, which included the local billiard room.

One of the members of the Curragh Fire Brigade was injured.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES.

Watch Night Services or special Evening Services will be held in many churches in Dublin and district to-night.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Psalm, 146. Urbs Fortitudinis, 11, Benedictus, 10. Hymn, 362. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Note—Boys' voices. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Macpherson in D. Anthem, "As Joseph was a-walking," Carol.

St. Matthias's Church.—11.30.

St. Ann's Church.—8. Evening Prayer and address.

St. Andrew's Church.—11. Rev. R. Northridge.

St. Kevin's Church, South Circular road.—11. Rev. R. Bird.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—11. Rev. L. Parkinson Hill.

St. Werburgh's Church.—11. Rev. W. J. McCreery.

St. Columba's Church, Ranelagh.—11.15 Rev. A. E. Hughes.

Harold's Cross Church.—8. Evening Service.

St. Jude's Church.—11. Rev. P. W. Coster.

All Saints' Church, Grangegorman.—11.15 Rev. E. H. F. Campbell.

Drumcondra Church.—11.15. Rev. G. S. Nowlan.

North Strand Church.—11.15. Rev. J. T. Cummins.

Clontarf Parish Church.—11.15. Canon Connell.

St. Peter's Church, Aungier street.—11.15. Rev. W. P. Webb.

St. Audoen's Church, Cornmarket.—11.15. Rev. A. P. Armstrong.

St. Bartholomew's Church.—11.45. Church open for prayer at 11 p.m.

St. Paul's Church, Glenageary.—11. Rev. J. M. Cullimore B.D.

Christ Church, Blackrock.—11.15. Rev. George R. Elliott.

St. Paul's Church.—11.15. Holy Communion.

Rathmines Parish Church.—11. Rev. J. Tobias.

Sandford Parish Church.—11.15. Rev. W. N. Harvey.

St. George's Parish Church.—11.15.

St. Aidan's Church.—11.30.

St. Augustine's Church.—11.30.

The Free Church.—11.15.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Sutton.—11. Rev. Dr. Carrothers.

Sandymount.—11. Rev. J. A. Duke.

Ringsend.—11. Rev. W. L. Coade.

Brighton road, Rathgar.—11. Rev. James M. Alley.

St. Stephen's Green.—11. Rev. R. Lee Cole.

Kingsland Park.—11. Rev. W. B. Lumley.

Dolphin's Barn.—11. Rev. Frank Bennett.

OTHER CHURCHES.

Moravian Church, Lower Kevin street.—11 o'clock.



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THE KILDARE AND DUHALLOW HUNT BALLS.



THE KILDARE HUNT BALL AT BISHOPSCOURT.
Seated—Miss M. Kennedy, Countess McCormack, Colonel F. H. Blacker, M.F.H.; Mrs. Kennedy, Miss McCormack.
Standing—Mr. Cyril McCormack, Mr. T. Weldon, Miss Hartigan, Lord Killeen, Mrs. Blacker, Miss S. Kennedy and the Hon. H. G. Wellesley.



J. S. Ryder, who scored 112 in the third Test Match at Melbourne.



A slim silhouette coat of leopard's cloth, with pointed fur stole collar and curtained gauntlet cuffs, worn with a simple black felt hat.



The Duhallow Hounds moving off at the meet at Annesboro' on Saturday last.



ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AT SHELBOURNE PARK, DUBLIN.
A struggle for possession between Shelbourne and Jacobs near the latter's goal.





CARDIFF v. LANSDOWNE, at Lansdowne road, Dublin, last Saturday
A break-away from a scrum.
A Lansdowne forward gathers the ball from the feet of the Cardiff pack.



Major Cohen, the legless M.P., Honorary Treasurer of the British Legion, with his son, inquiring for the King outside Buckingham Palace.

THE DUHALLOW HUNT BALL.
In Front—General Sir William Marshall, Mr. E. J. Walton, Miss Allen, Mr. J. J. Dudley.
At Back—Mr. J. Frost, Mr. J. S. Shepherd, M.P.H.; Mr. G. Sharp-Bolster, Mr. T. Heffernan.

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FUNERAL OF MR. W. A. ROBERTSON.

Two bishops—the Most Rev. Dr. Hackett, Roman Catholic Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, and the Right Rev. Dr. Miller, Bishop of Cashel—attended the funeral of the late Mr. W. A. Robertson, Newtown Lodge, to John's Hill Cemetery, Waterford, yesterday.

There was a very large attendance of the townspeople, representative of all creeds and classes. The nursing staff of Waterford Infirmary, of which Mr. Robertson was a member of the Governing Body, as well as a member of the Committee of Management, for many years, walked in uniform behind the hearse. The staff of Messrs. Robertson Bros., of which Mr. Robertson was the senior partner, also followed in a body.

RACING PROSPECTS.

The Aga Khan's Plans—To Buy no more Yearlings, and Breed for Sale : The Viceroy's Cup. A Critical Time for Racing : How to Attract the Public : Doings at Newbury : To-day's Fancies.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Sunday Night.

By way of a new year offering, we have an intimation from the Aga Khan that he is making drastic changes in his racing arrangements. He has announced in India that he will buy no more yearlings, will only breed twenty-five foals a year, race twelve of them and sell the others. We like the mathematical precision there is about this, and His Highness must have discovered some specific against sterility if he can predict the exact number of foals his mares will drop season after season. It will be an interesting experience when we find the Aga Khan obtaining, instead of giving, record prices for yearlings. Although he has had some great luck in buying such as Mumtaz Mahal, some recent purchases have not been so fortunate. Feridoon, bought from the National Stud for a sum that was said to be round £17,000, has never seen a racecourse, and never will, while the Papyrus yearling, named Aftab, for whom he gave 14,000 guineas at the sale of the late Sir Robert Jardine's horses, did not run last season, and is, I believe, of no account.

THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE.

The real significance of the Aga Khan's announcement is that he will become in a few years' time a relatively unimportant owner as compared with the scale on which he has raced for some years. With only a dozen yearlings going to his trainer each year, he cannot expect to win a great many races. On the point whether he will keep or sell his best he has not enlightened us. Breeding partly to race and partly to sell has never been a highly successful policy, prospective buyers always having at the back of their minds the idea that they may be getting only the culls. The Aga Khan, however, has a habit of changing his mind, and his new racing policy may undergo modifications in the course of time.

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

For the first time in his life the Aga Khan has won a race which for twenty years has eluded him—the Viceroy's Cup, the principal p... e in India. He won it last week with A... d'Or, a French-bred horse, who beat Silver Lark. The latter seems to be as unlucky in India as he was in England. Great hopes were formed of him when he was sold from Ireland to Mrs. Bendir for a big sum. Though he won a Liverpool Summer Cup, he was generally disappointing, and Mrs. Bendir was glad to get rid of him to an Indian owner last year for £2,000. He finished third a few weeks ago in the King-Emperor's Cup, and now he has been second in the Viceroy's Cup.

A CRITICAL PERIOD.

We begin a new year on Tuesday, and the prospects for racing are viewed with a few misgivings in certain quarters. It will be a transitional year, and such stages are generally critical. We shall have the totalisator in operation on some courses during the next flat racing season, and the change over will have a disturbing effect on some people. The problem of declining attendances will have to be faced by a number of executives, who will either have to set their houses in order or go under. These are questions which racecourse shareholders must settle for themselves.

There is not the slightest thing wrong with the general fabric of the Turf. We can see this from the numbers of new and rich owners who are constantly coming in, and the prices of horses which are on an ever-ascending scale. The pressing problem is how to attract the public in greater numbers to race meetings.

A SIMPLE SOLUTION.

A simple solution of this is to give them better value for their money than they are getting at present. Racecourse executives reply that they cannot do so and run at the profit. That is an economic question that must be left to work itself out. A great deal is being talked and written of at present about centralised racing, and that, I think, is bound to come in the course of time. There are several meetings that could be named which we could well do without, and no one, except a few parties with vested interests, would be a whit the worse off were they to disappear altogether and their dates given to more progressive meetings. All this will take time to accomplish, but its coming is inevitable.

CASTLETOWN'S VICTORY.

We had another excellent day's racing at Newbury yesterday, when the weather was fine, if cold. The principal steeplechase of the afternoon—the Lambourn Handicap—was won by Castletown, a six-year-old son of Longtown, whom George Poole bought from Mr. Downes in Ireland last year on behalf of Mr. Eric Platt. Castletown was none too good a jumper when he came here first, and, though he has improved, he is by no means perfect yet, for he chanced one or two fences before he began to warm up. It was Transit who made the running until Snapper took it up at half-way, and led from Carfax. Then Rossieny went on and he led into the straight. Three fences from home Transit went into the lead, while Castletown was steadily working his way forward. The Irish horse put in a great jump at the last and drew level. There followed a great tussle between them, of which Castletown got the better by a head. Ballyhanwood finished third, four lengths away.

TRANSIT RUNS WELL.

Knight of the Wilderness, who started favourite, found the weight just a little too much, but ran really well all the same. Carfax did poorly, and dropped right out on coming into the straight. This time last year he was carrying all before him, but he had lighter weights than he is carrying now. The surprise of the race was the improved form of Transit, yet E. Martin's stable, in which he is trained, had no fancy for his chance, and he was ignored in the market.

GALE BOOK.

Another interesting winner was Miss E. L. Barbour's Gale Book, who fairly ran away with the Andover Handicap Steeplechase in 1926, when he was carrying off race after race in Ireland. I believe that much was thought of him, but he had to go on the shelf for a couple of seasons, and this was his first victory for more than two years. He is all right again, and Mr. Barbour's confidence in him was reflected in the market, though he was not so good a favourite as Labrador. Hamey rode him, and waited until the last fence to challenge. Then he ran right away from his field, and beat Maitre Gautier in a canter by six lengths, Labrador finishing the same distance away third. Roman Road ran no better than at Kempton earlier in the week. There was much to like about the performance of Gate Book, who looks like distinguishing himself this season.

GARTLY'S CANTER.

Another very easy winner of the afternoon was Mr. Dyke Dennis's Gartly, whom Mr. Barthropp brought from Tern Hill to run for the Moderate Hurdle. He was backed to some tune, too, though Repertoire was the better favourite. Gartly was not prominent early on, but improved in the straight, and when he landed on the flat he ran right away from the others to beat Repertoire by five lengths, with any amount in hand. Gartly lost two races on the flat last season a little unluckily, but he is going to prove himself a smart hurdler. He was the third winner in succession ridden by W. Stott, who had begun with Castletown. His second was Promptitude, who won the Berkshire Handicap very easily from Mistletoi and Gainsharp, the last-named being the favourite. The three were together at the last hurdle, but on the flat Promptitude had much the better speed, and drew right away to beat Mistletoi by six lengths; half-a-length away Gainsharp was third.

Lord Stalbridge has practically given up racing, but he won the Selling Hurdle with Alliteration, a six-year-old half-brother to the good sprinter, Time, by Charles O'Malley. He beat Laverstoke by a length and then was sold for 130 guineas.

FAVOURITES FAIL.

Though several well-backed horses won, not a single actual first favourite was successful. There were only three runners for the Selling Steeplechase, and odds were laid on Paulinus, who has been running in better company. He found one too good for him in Holiday Hall, who went past him two fences from home, and beat him by six lengths. There was some keen competition for Holiday Hall, and George Poole had to go to 370 guineas to get him—a stiff price for a nine-year-old plater.

CHELTENHAM.

There is racing to-morrow at Cheltenham, where BEECH MARTIN or, in his absence, HERBERTS'S CHOICE, may win the Stayers' Handicap Steeplechase. BLUE BAG should win the Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase, and BRIMPS the Evesham Three-Year-Old Hurdle.

GALTEE MORE.

NEWBURY RESULTS.

THREE WINNERS FOR W. STOTT.

1.0—WROUGHTON (S.) HANDICAP HURDLE of 150 sovs. 2 m.
Lord Stalbridge's b. g. ALLITERATION, by Charles O'Malley—C.C., a, 10-4 G. Pellerin 1
Mr. R. C. Woods's LAVERSTOKE, a, 10-4 F. Stokes 2
Mr. P. Higgins's SUNDAY RAMBLER, a, 10-6 R. Townsend 3

Also ran—Paris Flight (E. Vinall), Tuscan (S. Ingham), North Harris (M. Doherty), View Label (Owner), Patsy (F. Rees), Koolen (Mr. R. Bennett), Acceleration (J. Kelly), Golden Ermine (H. Graves), Wang (R. Spring), Allen (A. Escott), North Coast (F. Sergeant), Sublime Fire (J. Millar), Glowanna (R. Read), Silver Spring (L. Hall), Theology (F. Brookes). Off 1.1. (Winner trained by O. Anthony.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst Theology, 2 to 1 Sunday Rambler, 7 to 1 Acceleration, 8 to 1 each Tuscan and ALLITERATION, 100 to 8 each Patsy and Golden Ermine, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by a length; the same separated second and third. Winner sold to Mr. C. Evans for 130 gns.

1.30—WILTS (S.) STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds.
Major H. Lyons's ch. g. HOLIDAY HALL, by Holiday House—Peahen, a, 12-3 T. Cullinan 1
Mr. V. Emanuel's PAULINUS, a, 12-3 M. Rayson 2
Mr. B. Warner's REDMAYNE, 6, 11-12 F. Rees 3

Off 1.30. (Winner trained by Hon. A. Hastings.)

Betting—6 to 4 on Paulinus, 9 to 4 agst. HOLIDAY HALL, 5 to 1 Redmayne.

Won by six lengths; ten lengths separated second and third. Winner sold to Mr. G. Poole for 370 gns.

2.0—LAMBOURN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs. 3 m.
Mr. E. Platt's b. g. CASTLETOWN, by Longtown—Octocide, 6, 10-5 ....W. Stott 1
Capt. Sassoon's TRANSIT, a, 10-12 ...J. Hogan 2
Mr. M. D. Blair's BALLYHANWOOD, a, 10-4 T. Leader 3

Also ran—Knight of the Wilderness (T. Morgan), Carfax (C. Ancil), Knockirr (W. Gurney), Rossieny (M. Rayson), Ballyfinaghy (W. Speck), Snapper (J. Moloney). Off 2.4. (Winner trained by Poole.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst. Knight of the Wilderness, 5 to 1 CASTLETOWN, 11 to 2 each Rossieny and Knockirr, 7 to 1 Ballyhanwood, 15 to 2 Carfax, 10 to 1 Snapper, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by a head; four lengths separated second and third.

2.30—BERKSHIRE HURDLE of 400 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. J. D. Robertson's ch. g. PROMPTITUDE, by Decision—La Tigra, 4, 11-12 ...W. Stott 1
Mrs. H. M. Hollins's MISTLETOI, 3, 10-7 W. Payne 2
Baron R. de Tuyll's GAINSHARP, 4, 11-12 S. Ingham 3

Also ran—Spot Cash (T. Cullinan), Mount Hawke (M. Scott), War Mist (M. Rayson), Landwade (L. Rees), Buchan Arms (R. Everett), Worker (W. Parvin), Yatho (A. Furnice), Lardida (G. Pellerin), Blue Mark (J. Kelly), Wadi Halfa (J. Middleton), Northward (A. Smyth). Off 2.33. (Winner trained by Rimell.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Gainsharp, 11 to 4 Mistletoi, 100 to 30 PROMPTITUDE, 7 to 1 War Mist, 8 to 1 Worker, 100 to 6 any other.

Won by six lengths; half a length separated second and third. Mount Hawke fell.

3.0—MODERATE HANDICAP HURDLE of 150 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. H. Dyke Dennis's b. g. GARTLY, by Star and Garter—Bellegarde, 4, 10-7...W. Stott 1
Mr. T. Spragg's REPERTOIRE, 6, 11-9 A. Escott 2
Mr. J. D. Roberts's SET FAST, 6, 11-0 W. Parvin 3

Also ran:—Bonnie Kelso (J. Millar), Donya Zabuk (Owner), Sulieman (H. East), Silk Wood (A. Linegar), Fiddle Pin (T. Morgan), The Miller (K. Piggott), The Gawk (F. Sergeant), Jacob (J. Hamey), Menarlo (S. Duffy), Astir (G. Bowden), Relation (J. Hogan), Arosa (F. Stokes). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by Barthropp.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Repertoire, 9 to 4 GARTLY, 6 to 1 Sulieman, 8 ot 1 Relation, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by five lengths; one length separated second and third. Bonnie Kelso fell.

3.30—ANDOVER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds.
Miss E. L. M. Barbour's gr. g. GATE BOOK, by Book—Flood Gate, a, 10-9...J. Hamey 1
Lt.-Col. R. Johnson's MAITRE GAUTIER, a, 10-1 ....D. Morgan 2
Mr. M. Field's LABRADOR, a, 11-2 ... D. Williams 3

Also ran:—Bolshevist (Owner), Roman Road (W. Speck), Relation (W. Parvin), Cross Gate (W. Gurney). Off 3.30. (Winner trained by Pardy.)

Betting—Evens Labrador, 9 to 4 agst. GATE BOOK, 13 to 2 Relation, 8 to 1 each Roman Road and Bolshevist, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by six lengths; the same distance separated second and third.

SPORTING GOSSIP

Barry Beaten on the Tyne.

Bert Barry, of Putney, the world's champion sculler, was unable to concede his opponent 15 secs. in the final of the Tyne Half-mile Sculling Handicap, at Newcastle on Saturday, and was beaten by G. Payne (Walker and Walsall) by three lengths.

Verdant Green Sold.

The three-year-old hurdler, Verdant Green, a brown gelding, by Verdun—Lady Yew, was put up for auction at Newbury on Saturday, and sold to the Lewes trainer, Mr. George Butchers, for 350 guineas.

F. Gurney All Right.

On inquiry at the Newbury Hospital, it was learned that F. Gurney, who incurred a heavy fall when Betyar came to grief at Newbury on Friday, had sufficiently recovered from the injuries sustained, and has been able to return home.

Irish Horses at Manchester.

There will be a regular Irish "Invasion" at Manchester to-morrow and Wednesday, as Tirancgue, Golden Ball, Crafty Scott, Dunbarry Star, Jurat and St. Germaine arrived at the Castle Irwell Racecourse on Saturday morning.

Hat Rock's Owner.

After Hat Rock had won the Compton Selling Hurdle Race at Wolverhampton last Thursday the gelding was returned as sold to "Mr. Cash." Mr. J. Allen was the purchaser, however, Hat Rock is engaged this week in the Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle Race at Cheltenham to-day, and in the Peel Park Selling Hurdle Race at Manchester on Wednesday.

A Newport Forward.

The death took place at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., yesterday of George Boots, the famous old Newport and Welsh international Rugby forward. Boots had been operated upon for internal trouble, and died following a relapse, when he seemed on the road to recovery. He had been "capped" for Wales on sixteen occasions between 1898 and 1904, and played in first-class football for thirty seasons.

Boxing in Norway.

George Modrick, the New Zealand boxer, was knocked out in the second round of a bout with Ihlen (Norway) at Oslo yesterday. Hans Holdt (Denmark) beat Joseph Solvinto (France) on points, and Abel Argotts (France) beat Edgar Normann Christensen (Norway) on points.

Dr. Peltzer for Australia.

Dr. Otto Peltzer, the holder of the world record for 1,500 metres, has decided to accept an invitation to compete in Australian athletic events, although the German Athletic Union has refused him permission. Dr. Peltzer has frequently been at variance with the German athletic authorities. Dr. Peltzer made his 1,500 metres record in Berlin in 1926, when he covered the distance in 3 mins. 51 secs.

Baldoyle Races, 1929.

Membership badges for the coming season at Baldoyle are now obtainable from the Secretary, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.

CHELTENHAM TO-DAY: PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS.

KEEP COOL'S BIG CHANCE.

A busy week's jumping opens with the Cheltenham meeting to-day, and, as excellent entries have been obtained, there should be no lack of runners and no interference from the weather, as the racecourse is in one of the most sheltered spots in the Cotswolds. The Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase and the Stayers' Handicap Steeplechase are the principal events, and both will attract useful "leppers" who have been to the fore in recent outings.

FANCY FOR MUSTER.

Percy Woodland, the Cholderton trainer, has a strong hand in the Stayers' Steeplechase with Santabel, Soldier's Joy, Herbert's Choice and Manser's Pride. I have a great liking for Herbert's Choice, who was a useful second to K.C.B. at Kempton Park last month, although if the stable decided to rely upon Soldier's Joy, who was second best to Sir Shaun at Newbury last Friday, the pointer will not be ignored. An excellent case can be advanced on behalf of Delarue, who was carrying a 10lb. penalty when beaten at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, but who had previously won at Sandown Park from a field of useful jumpers, including Lutoi. He should at least account for Ruddyman, who is well suited by this distance, and who is fancied. Muster showed scope for improvement when second at level weights to Beggar's End at Windsor, with Hawker, in receipt of 11lb., well beaten, and on that form I take Muster as the likeliest proposition.

THE NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE.

The Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase has a more open appearance. The weights do not take a very wide range, but several of the entry have done well in recent outings, and both Gryphon and Wroxham Bridge have lost their maiden certificates since the race closed. Gryphon won at Haydock Park last month, but failed behind Hy Spy at Wolverhampton last week, and Wroxham Bridge also failed behind Brave Cry at Hurst Park after a good success at Windsor. Balius is safely held on the Newbury running by Blue Bag, and, as the latter should not reverse the Hurst Park placings with Wroxham Bridge on 2lb. worse terms, I feel justified in giving Wroxham Bridge a confident vote.

WILD RAKE MAY WIN.

The Evesham Three-Year-Old Hurdle should be fought out by Prumps, Swift News and Wild Rake. The last-named was only narrowly beaten by Bachelor's Knell in the Bovenay Hurdle at Windsor, and on that form he is entitled to support here.

In the Amateur Riders' Hurdle one hesitates to select Caporal, who is none too generous, and as it is I shall take sides with Silver Island, who is reasonably weighted, and who goes well for his owner-rider.

The selling races will be well contested. Keep Cool has an easy task in the Charlton Steeplechase, and Thistle Bud may prove equal to taking the Malvern Hurdle. Selections:—

Charlton Steeplechase—**Keep Cool.***
Malvern Hurdle—**Thistle Bud.**
Stayers' Steeplechase—**Muster.**
Amateurs' Hurdle—**Silver Island.**
Leckhampton Steeplechase — **Wroxham Bridge.**
Evesham Hurdle—**Wild Rake.**

DOUBLE—**Keep Cool and Muster.**

1.0—CHARLTON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.

KEEP COOL (Capt. Sasscor) ....Nightingall a 12 7
RATHORY (Maj. Lyons) ......Hastings a 11 5
CUPID'S DART (Mr. Leigh) ......Pease a 11 9
EUREKA II. (Mrs. Wilson) ...Brown a 11 7
CLIMBER (Mr. Cotterell) ....Owner a 11 4
TEMELAND (Col. Stewart) ....Rimell a 11 3
CHERRY LAD II. (Mr. Day) Owner a 11 1
ANILLAB (Maj. H. Misa) H. Smyth a 11 0
CAMPERDOWN (Mrs. Hutchinson) Bennet a 11 0
AGRICOLA (Mr. Forwood) ....Owner a 11 0
WHITE CARGO (Mr. D. Heneage) Hall 4 10 12
TEREBENE (Mrs. Moleyns) Molleyns a 10 12
ALIWAL (Mr G. Beeby) ....Beeby a 10 10
HARD NAIL (Mr. Curtis) ....Curtis a 10 7
ARTISTRY (Mr F. T. Cox) ....Cox a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
320	RATHORY .... Cullinan	6/4
033	EUREKA II. ....Mr. B. Wilson	7/1
000	CLIMBER ....Mr. Cotterell	10/1
130	TEMELAND .... Stott	5/2
103	ANILLAB ....Major H. Misa	5/1
020	CAMPERDOWN ....T. James	7/1
000	AGRICOLA .... Foster	9/2
210	WHITE CARGO ....G. Wilson	6/1
120	TEREBENE ....Mr. Groves	8/1
033	ARTISTRY ....F. Cox	10/1

1.30—MALVERN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

BORJOM (Mrs. L. Drage) ....Saxby 4 12 7
DESERT SHEIK (Mr. J. Hamer) ...Carr 5 12 3
CLARKIA (Mr. W. F. Ransom) ...Owner a 12 2
BABY'S BOTTLE (Mr. Dennis) Barthropp a 11 9
RED CONRAD (Mr. Shaw) Pendarves a 11 9
ALTITUDE (Mr. M. Dollar) ..W. Payne 5 11 7
ACCELERATION (Miss Jackson) Woodland 6 11 5
SAIGHTON (Mrs. Radclyffe) ...Harrison 5 11 5
THISTLE BUD (Mr. Phillips) ...Rimell a 11 4
LONG LEAVE (Count Bosdari) Hankey 5 11 4
MAY COME (Mr. G. Robson) ......Robson a 11 4
RACKWAY (Mrs. Mond) ......Private a 11 3
VAUDRICOURT (Mr. C. Green) ......Cox a 11 3
BOSY BISTO (Maj. Stevens) ...MacColl 6 11 0
ALLITERATION (Lord Stalbridge) Anthony 6 11 0
JUNGLE FIRE (Miss Thomson) Rayson a 10 12
WILD SCOT (Mr. F. Rigg) ......Rayson a 10 11
SILVER RIVER (Mr. Manning) ...Payne a 10 11
WARSTOCK (Mr. J. Bartlett) ...Private 4 10 9
RICHARD SLINGSBY (Mr. Bullivant) McGregor 6 10 7
WATER MELON (Mr. J. Barnes) Scott 5 10 7
WINDCOTE (Mr. G. Reed) ......Hall a 10 7
TREMADOC (Mr. W. Morgan) ...Owner 6 10 6
SUFFOLK DUMPLING (Mr. Lawrence) Owner a 10 5
PLUMADO (Miss Rodocanachi) ...Powell a 10 5
ORTOLAN (Mr. R. Hardinge) ...Owner 3 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
420	BORJOM .... Holroyd	9/4
433	CLARKIA ....Mr. Ransom	6/1
200	BABY'S BOTTLE .... Mackey	7/1
300	RED CONRAD ....Mr. Shaw	8/1
230	SAIGHTON .... Moloney	5/1
031	THISTLE BUD .... Stott	11/4
	LONG LEAVE .... Millar	10/1
230	JINGLE FIRE .... Rayson	5/1
000	SILVER RIVER ....W. Gurney	100/8
004	RICHARD SLINGSBY ...Stansbridge	10/1
200	TREMADOC ....C. Morgan	100/8
000	WATER MELON ....D. Morgan	6/1
000	ORTOLAN ....D. Jones	100/8
100	SUFFOLK DUMPLING ......D. Davies	10/1

2.0—STAYERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 4 m. Age st. lb.

KNOCKIRR (Mr. Pease)...........Pease 6 12 7
MUSTER (Mr. Ancil)...........Ancil a 12 0
REDLYNCH (Mr. Moldram)........Smyth a 12 0
SANTABEL (Mrs. Colls)........Woodland a 11 9
MISS BALSCADDEN (Sir David Llewellyn) ....Lindsay a 11 7
SOLDIER'S JOY (Mr. S. G. R. Barratt) Woodland a 11 7
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. Thomson) Woodland a 11 7
SNIPE'S BRIDGE (Capt. Thomson) Owner a 11 5
MANSER'S PRIDE (Mrs. Colls).Woodland a 11 3
BEECH-MARTIN (Mr. Faber)...Rayson a 11 2
DELARUE (Mr. Snow)...........Beeby 6 11 2
MAROON GUN (Mr. Fairhurst) Hastings 6 10 10
RUDDYMAN (Mr. Selfridge)........Powell a 10 10
INDIAN LADY (Mrs. Cheape)...Easterby a 10 5
MADRIGAL (Maj. Arden)...........Private a 10 5
TEMELAND (Col. Stewart)...........Rimell a 10 5
MAXELI (Maj. Huntington)...Withington 6 10 4
LITTLE CLIFTER (Mr Shaw)...Bennett a 10 3
RITA FALL (Mr. Pease)...........Pease a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
102	MUSTER ....C. Ancil	7/2
240	REDLYNCH .... Escott	6/1
000	MISS BALSCADDEN .... Bowden	8/1
022	HERBERT'S CHOICE .... Farrell	11/4
010	DELARUE .... Moloney	4/1
200	MAROON GUN ....D. Williams	5/1
004	RUDDYMAN .... Parvin	8/1
240	INDIAN LADY ....J. Mason	10/1
020	MAXELI .... McNeill	10/1
000	RITA FALL ....W. Gurney	7/1

2.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

PONOROGO (Col. Bingham) Thompson 5 13 7
HEREWITH (Mr. Bostwick) Hastings 4 13 4
HAT ROCK (Mr. Sharp) ......Rimell a 12 4
THURGARTON (Mr. Berry) ...Rayson 5 12 3
PRUDENT PAT (Com. Read) Dawson a 12 2
MARTIAN (Mr. H. A. Brown) ...Owner 5 12 0
FOOLISH LAD (Mr. Whitaker) Willett 4 11 13
PETER PAX (Mr. Pendarves) Owner a 11 13
CAPORAL (Mr. de Rothschild) Pratt 4 11 12
DESERT SHEIK (Mr. J. Hamer) Carr 5 11 11
CABRIOLET (Maj. Miller) ...Owner 5 11 10
CLARKIA (Mr. Ransom) ....Owner a 11 9
NORTH HARRIS (Mr. Savile) Beary 4 11 8
SILVER ISLAND (Mr. Wilson) Brown a 11 8
TARADIDDLE (Ld. Tredegar) Lindsay 4 11 6
THE OCK (Mr. Robinson) ......Gilbert a 11 5
WARFATE (Capt. Sassoon) ......Martin a 11 5
OLIVEWHIN (Capt. Holt) ...Thompson a 11 3
MUSSOLINI (Mr. Dorse) ......Dorse a 11 2
YARLINGTON (Mr. Rice) ......Owner 4 11 0
HAPUTALE (Mr. W. Cundell) Owner 4 10 13
RICHARD (Mrs. Hopwood) Thompson 4 10 11
QUITE CALM (Mr. Morel) ...Roberts 4 10 10
GARRON TOWER II (Mr. Merrell) Owner 6 10 10
VOLEE (Maj. Mocatta) ....Private 3 10 10

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
102	PONOROGO .... Captain Weber	3/1
334	HEREWITH ....Mr. Bostwick	6/1
000	PRUDENT PAT Wing-Comdr. Read	10/1
000	PETER PAX ....Mr. Shaw	8/1
223	CAPORAL .... Mr. A. Cottrill	5/4
210	DESERT SHEIK ....Mr. Carr	10/1
242	SILVER ISLAND ...... Mr. B. Wilson	10/1
142	TARRADIDDLE ...... Mr. Thomas	7/1
310	THE OCK .... Mr. West	6/1
132	MUSSOLINI .... Mr. K. Goode	8/1
00	HAPUTALE ....Mr. Cundell	100/8
000	VOLEE ...... Captain de W. Fenton	100/8
00	QUITE CALM ....Mr. Morel	100/8
000	GARRON TOWER II. Mr. Smyth, jun.	100/8

3.0—LECKHAMPTON NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

GRYPHON (Mr. Harrison) ......Harrison 5 11 6
WROXHAM BRIDGE (Capt. Petre) Petre 5 11 6
JACKSDALE (Mr. J. Allen) ....Newey a 11 2
FIDDLEPIN (Major Barrett) ....Owner a 11 2
BLUE BAG (Mr. Evans) ....Hastings 6 11 2
LADY SAN (Mr. Field) ....Hastings 6 11 2
MIXED DOUBLE (Mr. Gilbey) Chapman a 11 2
ETHERION (Capt. Gossage) Woodland 6 11 2
TRUTHFUL JAMES (Mr. Milne) Powell a 11 2
SILVER ISLAND (Mr. Wilson) ....Brown a 11 2
EDWIN (Mr. Smith) ....Beeby a 11 2
DINARD (Capt. Sassoon) ....Martin 5 10 13
GLENABO (Mrs. Barratt) ....Private a 10 11
SIR JASPER (Col. Bingham) Thompson 6 10 11
HIGH REPUTE (Mr. Bland) Thompson a 10 11
PEDRO PONCE (Major Croft) ...Private a 10 11
BALIUS (Mr. Keen) ...H. Harrison 6 10 11
CEASE FIRE (Capt. Bridges) ...Hastings 5 10 8
RASPUTIN (Mr. Stephens) ......J. Scott 5 10 8
MR. DABBER (Mr. Charters) ...R. Payne 6 10 8
MAGIC MOON (Mrs. Mackay) ......Pease 5 10 8
GLASGAREEN (Sir T. O'Brien) Woodland 5 10 8
BOY BRIAN (Mr. Phillips) ....Gale 5 10 8
SUNBRONZE (Mrs. Drage) ....Saxby 4 10 8
ORBED (Mr. Thorpe) ....Pollock 4 10 5
LONGSTOWE (Mr. Briscoe) ......Balding 4 10 0
REALLY TRUE (Major Furlong) ...Gale 4 10 0
PARNELL (Mr. Hinks) ....Lyall 4 10 0
BONAWE (Mrs. Huntington) Withington 4 10 0
BLACK SEA (Mr. Stewart) ...Thompson 4 10 0
PISHOGUE (Baron de Tuyll) ...Hartigan 4 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
120	WROXHAM BRIDGE...Mr. Thackray	6/1
204	BLUE BAG .... Cullinan	5/2
300	LADY SAN .... D. Williams	7/1
330	JACKSDALE .... Stott	8/1
003	SUNBRONZE .... Holroyd	7/1
0	GLENABO .... J. Moore	100/8
004	BALIUS .... J. Walsh	7/2
	MR. DABBER .... W. Gurney	100/8
030	GLASGAREEN .... Farrell	10/1
143	DINARD .... J. Hogan	7/1
000	RASPUTIN .... Fawcett	100/8
0	PARNELL .... Lyall	100/8
2	REALLY TRUE .... F. Brookes	6/1
0	BONAWE .... McNeill	100/8
	BOY BRIAN .... Hamey	100/8
200	ORBED .... Waudby	8/1
033	PISHOGUE .... Keogh	5/1

3.30—EVESHAM THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of 100 sovs. 1½ m. st. lb.

SWIFT NEWS (Capt. J. Bridges) Hastings 11 3
BRIMPS (Mr. M. Dollar) ....W. Payne 11 3
JINGLE JOHNNIE (Mr. Ward) Hartigan 10 12
FERSEN (Mr. J. Beary) ....J. Beary 10 10
MITTAGONG (Sir H. Owen) ...De Mestre 10 10
GREEN EAGLE (Mr. C. Norman) ...Saxby 10 10
WILD RAKE (Mrs. J. Selincourt) Anthony 10 10
SILVER ORE (Mr. H. Wellesley) J. Beary 10 10
MASTER DABBER (Mrs. Leyland) ...Scott 10 10
CULWORTH KING (Mr. Blagrave) Owner 10 5
BLUE MARK (Capt. E. Edmund) Woodland 10 5
DREAM O' FORTUNE (Mrs. Evans) Hastings 10 5
FLYWHEEL (Mr. E. Forwood) .....Forwood 10 5
WELSH BARD (Mr. E. Gore) .....Private 10 5
TEME SALMON (Mr. F. Williams) Rimell 10 5
PRINCE UMBRA (Mr. F. Williams) Newey 10 5
RUFFORTH (Mrs. Hannay) ....Private 10 5
THERAS (Mr. H. Harrison) H. Harrison 10 5
ALPINE HUT (Mr. D. Johnstone) MacColl 10 5
STOW HILL (Miss V. Jones) ....Rimell 10 5
WARFARE (Mr. E. Kennedy) ....R. Payne 10 5
BLUESAND (Lt.-Col. Lindsay) M. Lindsay 10 5
LEVIN (Mr. R. MacMillan) ....Laye 10 5
ZERO HOUR (Mr. E. Merrell) ......Merrell 10 5
BRIGHT LASS (Mr. R. Morel) ......Roberts 10 5
POLTROON (Mr. C. Phillips) ....Gale 10 5
WADI HALFA (Mrs. N. Roberts) Roberts 10 5
THE MYTH II. (Mr. G. Robson) ...Robson 10 5
NURSEMAID (Miss Rodocanachi) ...Powell 10 5
PROPOSAL (Mr. J. Simpson) ....Laye 10 5
DEAD SILENCE (Mr. Thompson) ...Owner 10 5
CONDAMINE (Capt. A. S. Wilson) Storie 10 5

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
103	BRIMPS .... W. Payne	5/1
104	SWIFT NEWS .... Cullinan	4/1
300	JINGLE JOHNNIE .... Ingham	7/1
	FERSEN .... Prendergast	100/8
00	GREEN EAGLE .... Holroyd	100/8
42	WILD RAKE .... F. Rees	5/4
320	MASTER DABBER .... Fawcett	7/1
0	SILVER ORE .... Mr. Wellesley	100/8
000	DREAM OF FORTUNE D. Williams	100/8
	FLYWHEEL .... Foster	6/1
	WELSH BARD .... K. Piggott	100/8
	PRINCE UMBRA .... Hamey	8/1
	ZERO HOUR .... Speck	7/1
000	BRIGHT LASS .... Middleton	100/8
04	THERAS .... Moloney	10/1
00	STOW HILL .... Stott	10/1
402	POLTROON .... D. Leslie	8/1
00	NURSEMAID .... Parvin	100/8

HUNTING.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

	Meet.	Hour.
January.		
Wednesday, 2nd	Dunboyne	1.30
Saturday, 5th	Donaghmore Cross-roads	1.30

THE KILDARE.

January.		
Tuesday, 1st	The Kennels	11. 0
Thursday, 3rd	Kildangan	11. 0
Saturday, 5th	Donadea Post Office	11. 0

THE MEATH.

December.		
To-day	Dunderry Park	11. 0
January.		
Wednesday, 2nd	Summerville	11. 0
Thursday, 3rd	Brittas	11. 0
Friday, 4th	Kilmoon	11. 0

FINGALL HARRIERS.—Owing to the wet state of the land, these hounds will not hunt to-day.

EAST GALWAY HOUNDS—January—Thursday, 3rd, Fynagh (special cap for Earl Haig's Fund); Monday, 7th, Aughrim; Thursday, 10th, Tynagh; Monday, 14th, Clonfert; Thursday, 17th, Johnstown Park; Monday, 21st, Derrahiney X.; Thursday, 24th, Shralea; Monday, 28th, Green Door; Thursday, 31st, The Kennels. At 11 a.m.

MEATH HOUNDS—January—Wednesday, 2nd, Somerville; Thursday, 3rd, Brittas; Friday, 4th, Kilmoon; Monday, 7th, Rahinston; Tuesday, Moyglare (Kildare Hounds by invitation); Thursday, 10th, Lobinstown; Friday, 11th, Hollywoodrath; Monday, 14th, Trim (Meath Hunt Ball, at Dunsany Castle); Tuesday, 15th, Dunsany Castle; Thursday, 17th, Slane; Friday, 18th, Dunshaughlin; Saturday, 19th, Courtown Gate (Meath Hounds, by invitation). At 11 a.m.

TIPPERARY HOUNDS—January—Wednesday, 2nd, Kilcooley (bye-day); Thursday, 3rd, Ballydine; Saturday, 5th, Fethard; Monday, 7th, Lismolin; Wednesday, 9th, Rathronan Cross; Saturday, 12th, Camus Bridge. At 11 a.m. There will be a bye-day each week, whenever possible. These fixtures will be advertised in the local papers of the previous Saturday.

WEXFORD HOUNDS — January—Wednesday, 2nd, St. Leonards; Friday, 4th, Lacken Smithy; Monday, 7th, Campile; Wednesday, 9th, Chapel Station; Thursday, 10th, Nolan's Kiln; Saturday, 12th, Tinnacarrig; Monday, 14th, Blackhall; Wednesday, 16th, Johnstown Castle; Friday, 18th, Palace Station; Monday, 21st, The Kennels; Wednesday, 23rd, Taghmon; Friday, 25th, Carnagh. At 11 a.m.

HUNTING.—Reports from the various Packs and List of Appointments appear in "THE IRISH FIELD"; also Provisional Dates of Point-to-Point Fixtures and Hunt Balls. Published Every Saturday. Price 2d.—(Advt.)

GAELIC GAMES.

REVIEW OF 1928.

NEW YEAR PROSPECTS.

(BY PAT'O.)

Overnight snow and heavy showers of hail and sleet yesterday cut out the very light Gaelic programme. Round the meeting of the new and old years a brief cessation is recognised in G.A.A. circles; the present condition of pitches makes hurling a dangerous mudlark and Gaelic football a featureless scramble. Indeed, an extension of the present brief respite was the feeling at last week's meeting of the Central Council, who have put the Leagues back to February 24th. This sets the National Leagues dangerously near the championship summer zone, for, with the addition of the Railway cups' opening on February 3, the Gaelic year is a very heavy one, making little provision for drawn games and inevitable weather postponements.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The year 1928 was very successful; clubs affiliated reached record figures (round 1,400), with Connaught Province alone showing a decline, which may be temporary. The football championship lost some of its interest when Kerry passed out early. Cavan's splendid stand against Kildare in the final compensated, whilst the advance of Ulster in football has been the outstanding feature of the Gaelic year. Armagh, Antrim, Cavan, Monaghan, Down and Fermanagh are of the uniform strength which makes for good competition.

The hurling final between Cork and Galway was an immense disappointment to a big attendance. Galway, without opposition in Connaught, had a bye in the semi-final, and, entering the final without a game, were no match for one of the best Cork teams yet introduced to Croke Park. Provision against a repetition of such an unequal final will be one of the many problems for next Easter's Congress.

In their progress to the final, Cork met stout opposition from Clare, who gave them two fast matches at Thurles, where far the best hurling of the season was seen. Cork outplayed Dublin on a wet day at Kilkenny, but the Guards' selection were caught in an "off" day. Waterford's improvement in hurling is welcome, and the game has a firm grip in all Munster counties, Galway and South Leinster, though it is at a low ebb at present north of a line drawn from the Boyne to Achill. This fact should give food for thought to G.A.A. organisations. A game popular in only one half of the country cannot reasonably be called the national pastime.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Junior championships roused more enthusiasm in 1928 than in any recent year, and this is a healthy sign. Britain's entry into these championships gave them new interest, and a revival amongst Irishmen in London and Lancashire is assured. London-Irish sent some powerful hurling sides to Croke Park (then Jones's road) in 1902 and 1903; our recent visitors, though far behind that standard, showed pluck and promise. Kerry and Louth juniors provided the best football of the year in their final. Kerry's dash won against a rapidly improving Louth side. The junior hurling title rests between Tipperary, Kilkenny and Galway.

College championships were good, Leinster competitions are running smoothly, and, could the Munster breach be bridged, 1929 will mark a big advance in both codes amongst the colleges and secondary schools. National schools' championships are carried through in several counties, and their general promotion will be to the interest of county boards everywhere.

Railway cups were a great success, and promise well for 1929. In these, wide provincial selections are encouraged, and the finals have become the big feature of the National Holiday celebrations at Croke Park.

NATIONAL LEAGUES' HUSTLE.

A special effort must be made to wind up the 1928-9 National Leagues by May 1st, leaving the road clear for the Senior and Junior Championships, which, since they were brought up to date, are an attraction of growing interest during the summer and autumn to all classes of Irish sportsmen. It is more than probable that Cork's champion hurlers will make a brief tour of the Eastern American States in May or early June; but they will be back in time for their championship ties.

Central Council control of National League fixtures would bring about greater despatch in completion; present county option in postponements has resulted in fading interest. The weaker counties in the West and North sadly need organisation and support. Generally speaking, the games are in a healthy condition, though many of their best exponents are lost to the country yearly by emigration.

Dublin County make their 1929 Championship and League fixtures to-night, and it is proposed to open their League programme at half-a-dozen venues on Sunday next. Leinster College Championships resume on February 19th.

CRICKET.

RECORD CROWD WATCH THIRD TEST.

AUSTRALIA'S BRILLIANT RECOVERY.

CENTURIES BY KIPPAX AND RYDER.

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

MELBOURNE, December 29.

Different in style, but equally effective, Kippax and Ryder saved Australia from a threatened collapse in the third Test Match of the M.C.C. tour, which began here this morning in brilliantly fine and cool weather. They came together when three wickets had fallen for 57 runs, and batting splendidly they put on 161 runs for the fourth wicket before the partnership was broken.

Kippax showed great improvement on his previous exhibitions against the Englishmen, his batting being marked by stylish back play and powerful scoring strokes on the off-side, while Ryder, after a very narrow escape of being caught off the first delivery he received, kept the ball down rigorously. He made most of his runs by fine driving, but he was often foiled for boundaries by White's sure fielding off his own bowling.

Probably the pitch, true to its tradition, played more easily after lunch, for it was noticeable that Tate made the ball lift in his old-time manner before the interval, but was not able to repeat the performance subsequently.

THE TURNING POINT.

The real turning point in the game came after lunch, when Larwood, in his first three overs, dropped several of his deliveries short, and thus gave the batsmen a chance to hit to leg profitably. They were not slow in taking advantage of the opportunities offered them, and five fours and one six were scored during this period, both batsmen taking the rising balls shoulder high, and sweeping them round in great style. The batting up to this point had been struggling to hold its own, but it immediately became more confident, and the attack was definitely mastered until five o'clock. White maintained a splendid length, and though the batsmen often made drives off him he was not scored off to any great extent.

The English ground fielding was at times rather slovenly, but Chapman and Hendren were brilliant exceptions, while Jardine's catching was certain, and he chased the ball hard.

A RECORD GATE.

The official figures for the attendance to-day were 63,247, this establishing a new "record" for any Test match. The receipts amounted to £6,023.

The city this morning was seething with excitement. In the hotels and boarding-houses, all of which were packed with visitors, and in the main streets, everyone was eagerly discussing the chances of the rival teams, the general opinion being that Australia had a much better prospect than in the two previous Tests. The Englishmen were, however, quite unperturbed. They had all had a good night's rest, and were feeling fit and well.

Chapman lost the toss for the second time in succession. The Englishmen were accorded a fine ovation on coming out shortly before twelve o'clock to field, and the cheering was renewed when Woodfull and Richardson appeared on the scene to open the batting. The wicket looked in perfect condition.

Larwood and Tate were the first pair of bowlers, and the former had Hendren, Hammond, Geary and Chapman all fielding in the "gully." The field was placed similarly for Tate, with the exception that Larwood went to third slip and Hendren to short-leg, where he stood very close in.

A SENSATIONAL START.

There was a sensational start, as with only five runs registered Richardson, in playing forward to the first ball of Larwood's second over, was smartly taken by Duckworth. The crowd soon began "barracking" Duckworth, shouting "Housat" as the wicket-keeper took the ball, while Tate's mannerisms also came in for derision. Woodfull, who had been joined by Hendry, snicked a ball from Tate dangerously through the slips when he had scored three, and soon afterwards a fast delivery from Larwood struck Hendry on the leg, causing a slight delay.

Tate was bowling magnificently and making the ball lift almost for the first time during the present tour in a manner reminiscent of his brilliant form in Australia in 1924.

TWO WICKETS DOWN FOR 15.

The second wicket fell with only fifteen runs on the board. Woodfull poked out his bat at a rising delivery from the Sussex bowler, and sent the ball to Jardine, who brought off a simple knee-high catch. Kippax, the next man in, began carefully, and at 19 Geary was tried at Larwood's end. The bowling continued to be excellent, and the batsmen were tied down. At 32 Tate was taken off in favour of Hammond.

Kippax now began to hit with more freedom, and with a splendid on-drive he sent up the fifty as the result of seventy minutes' play. Tate resumed for Hammond at 56 and Larwood reappeared at Geary's end at 57. This last change met with immediate success, as before any addition had been made, the Notts bowler in his first over dismissed Hendry. The batsman put up the ball in the "gully," and Jardine, jumping up, cleverly took the catch high and wide with his right hand.

RYDER AND KIPPAX TO THE RESCUE.

Ryder came in third wicket down at 57, and there was a gasp of excitement from the crowd when he nearly experienced a similar fate to Hendry off the first ball sent down to him. Another thrill was experienced almost directly afterwards, Kippax skying the ball over mid-on. Tate made a desperate effort to reach it, but failed, and a great ninety minutes' struggle was brought to a close by the lunch interval, at which stage the score stood at 63 for 3, Kippax being 27 and Ryder 2.

On resuming, the ground presented a wonderful spectacle. It looked packed to capacity, every possible coign of vantage being taken up. Boys had even climbed up on to the awnings of the stands, while the variegated colours of the hats and dresses in the ladies' enclosure lent brightness to the scene. Many spectators had taken off their coats and hung them inside the railings. One corner of the ground was reserved for Australian soldiers wounded in the war. Comfortably propped up in portable beds, they followed the game with great interest.

Faced by Tate and Larwood, the batsmen settled down at once, Kippax scoring three fours to leg in Larwood's first over. The first quarter of an hour after lunch yielded thirty-six runs, the century being hoisted directly afterwards. White displaced Tate at 103, the latter going on at Larwood's end. Kippax reached his fifty in an hour and twenty-two minute, and at 125 Geary took the ball from Tate.

ENCROACHMENT BY SPECTATORS.

Following a brief interval for refreshments, there was some delay owing to the umpires walking over to the boundaries and requesting the people who had jumped over the railings to get back to their proper place. Several hundreds had encroached on to the field of play—a very unusual occurrence in cricket in Australia. There was some difficulty in getting them over the railings again, and the services of several policemen were requisitioned before the grass was cleared, amid much booing and hooting.

Larwood was given another trial at Geary's end at 151. White was bowling steadily, and, assisted by a well-placed field, kept the run-getting down. Several big hits were finely stopped by Chapman at mid-off and Hendren at long-off. Geary superseded Larwood at 149, and the 150 went up when the innings had lasted exactly three hours. Ryder completed his 50, and simultaneously sent up the partnership 100, in an hour and three-quarters. Eight runs later the tea interval was taken, Kippax's score then being 69 and Ryder's 50. The batsmen who had given a glorious exhibition after lunch were warmly applauded on retiring.

White and Larwood shared the attack on the resumption, but at 176 the latter gave way again to Geary. The batting was both stylish and effective. Kippax, who so far had only made one faulty stroke, continued to score in masterly fashion all round, while Ryder's driving was admirable.

KIPPAX'S FINE INNINGS.

The second century was signalled in seven minutes under four hours, and at 205 Larwood superseded Geary. Tate reappeared at White's end at 213 with a new ball, and Kippax promptly hooked him for 3 to reach three figures in just over three hours and a half. Two balls later, however, Kippax in hitting a long-hop from Larwood was out to a well judged catch by Jardine at long-leg, the fourth wicket going down at 218.

Kippax played magnificently, scoring his first century in Test cricket. He hit rising balls fearlessly, and his cutting and driving were especially skilful. During his stay of three hours and thirty-three minutes he hit nine fours.

Bradman next partnered Ryder, who had made 79, and at 232 White had another spell for Tate, who, five runs later, resumed at the other end. With a splendid straight drive to the boundary Ryder completed his century in three hours and twenty-two minutes, his achievement being greeted by the spectators with prolonged applause. Two more changes in the attack were tried, Larwood replacing Tate at 263, and Jardine bowling for White at 265, but neither met with any success, and the close of play was reached with the total at 276 for 4—Ryder being 111 and Bradman 25.

To-day's play and score up to time of going to Press will be found on Page 7.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES.

The close of play score of the Test Match will be shown at the following addresses as soon as it is received in Dublin:—

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Kingstown, Lower George's street—Mrs. Dixon.
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Ranelagh—Miss Quinn.
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Mespil road—Mr. Murray.
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GOLF.

BALL MAKERS TO CARRY ON UNCHECKED.

Nothing further has transpired since the issue of the statement by the Royal and Ancient Club that weight and size changes would not be recommended until further information was available from America.

"The season 1929 will proceed without changes" (states Mr. A. E. Penfold in the *Golf Monthly*), "consequently the aim of the ball manufacturer to satisfy the multitude will carry on unchecked for another twelve months. To achieve this, it is well recognised that the ball must be good for distance, true in flight, durable, and pleasant to hit. Statistics gleaned from numerous sources indicate that the three leading manufacturers in England and America were alone responsible for production and sales up to one million four hundred and fifty thousand dozen of balls during the past twelve months."

HAGEN RECOVERS HIS FORM.

In the £1,000 Open Golf Tournament at Long Beach, California, on Saturday, Mr. George Von Elm led the field at the end of the first round with 65—eight strokes under par. The professionals, Eddie Loos and Eddie Dudley, came next with 69, and Walter Hagen tied with eight others at 71.

In the second round yesterday Walter Hagen, the holder of the British Open Championship, returned a score of 66, seven strokes under par. He failed to catch up George Von Elm's low score of 136 for the two 18-hole qualifying rounds by only one stroke. Al Espinosa and Bob Macdonald tied for third place with 139.

DORMIE HOUSE SHIELD.

J. S. F. Morrison (scratch) and A. Ladenburg (4) qualified on Saturday for the final of the match-play golf tournament for the Sunningdale Club's Dormie House Shield, and will meet over eighteen holes next Saturday. In the semi-final Ladenburg beat E. B. Blackwell (scratch) by 4 and 3, and Morrison defeated R. H. Anketell (8) by 4 and 2.

CLUB NOTICES.

ROYAL DUBLIN.

The competition arranged for New Year's Day in aid of St. Vincent de Paul's Society has been postponed to a date to be announced later.

KINGSTOWN.

Ladies' Branch.—Thursday, January 3rd—Medal, strokes. Draws at 11 o'clock and 2 o'clock.

ELM PARK.

Ladies' Branch.—Winner of December medal, Miss Boyle, 59 net; Mrs. Maher, 59½. Wednesday next—Monthly medal, 9 holes, strokes. Arrange opponents.

CLONTARF.

Wednesday next—Crawford Cup, 18 holes, strokes. Postponed from 12th December.

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CROSS-COUNTRY.

PALMER CUP HANDICAP.

The five miles flat handicap for the Palmer Cup was decided by the Dublin City Harriers at Terenure on Saturday last, a circuit of a mile in Lady Shaw's demesne providing the course. The race produced a very close finish, nine seconds covering J. Downs (2m. 40s.), C. Archer (2m. 30s.), and W. Bannon (2m.), who finished in that order. J. Timmons, from the scratch mark, was fourth, and secured the distinction of fastest time (29m. 7s.).

Although the field was a relatively small one for a club with such a large membership, the keenness of the nineteen who ran is indicated by the fact that all save one completed the five miles. The placings were as under:—

	Actual Times. Mins.	Secs.
1—J. Downs (2 mins. 40 secs.)	31	4
2—C. Archer (2 mins. 30 secs.)	30	59
3—W. Bannon (2 mins.)	30	53
4—J. Timmons (scratch)	29	7
5—C. Keane (3 mins. 35 secs.)	32	46
6—P. Flanagan (3 mins.)	31	17

7—J. Burke (30 secs.), 29m. 50s. 8—T. Gordon (3 mins. 30 secs.), 32m. 55s. 9—T. Murphy (2 mins. 40 secs.), 29m. 58s. 10—R. Oman (3 mins. 20 secs.), 33m. 16s. 11—W. Delaney (3 mins. 45 secs.), 33m. 48s. 12—L. Quinn (4 mins.), 34m. 41s. 13—W. Tobin (1 min.), 31m. 36s. 14—M. Bryan (3 mins. 45 secs.), 35m. 30s. 15—E. Starr (4 mins. 30 secs.), 35m. 16s. 16—J. Canaghan (1 min. 30 secs.), 33m. 18s. 17—J. Maguire (5 mins.), 38m. 23s. 18—C. Quirke (5 mins. 20 secs.), 36m. 44s.

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BOXING.

IRISH V. WELSH AMATEUR FIXTURE POSTPONED.

The Irish Amateur Boxing Association were anxious to have staged a tournament between their champions and the Welsh champions during the holidays, and had provisionally fixed this evening as the date, but this has proved unsuitable to the Welsh boxers, who have written asking for a postponement. It is likely that the tournament will be held early in February.

The newly-formed Arklow Club will hold a tournament, under the auspices of the Civic Guard, but open to all comers, on January 10th, and Sunday next has been fixed as the date for the Phœnix Club tournament.

IRISH AMATEUR BOXING ASSOCIATION.

At the last meeting of the Standing Committee of the I.A.B.A., held at 74 Dame street, Dublin, there were present:—Major-General W. R. E. Murphy, President; Colonel Byrne, Hon. Treasurer; Dr. Hannigan, Hon. Secretary; Mr. T. P. Walsh, Assistant Secretary; Mr. O'Carroll, Commandant Ennis, Mr. J. J. Healy, Mr. Hannigan, Mr. Whelan, Mr. J. Healy and Captain Gallagher. The accounts for the Leinster Championships were examined and passed for payment. Arrangements for the visit of the Welsh boxing team were made, and the following were selected to represent Ireland, viz.:—

Irish Team.

Fly-weight—P. Hughes (St. Tarsicius).
Bantam—J. Rooney (Phœnix).
Feather—Private Burns (A.A.A.).
Light—Private O'Shea (A.A.A.).
Welter—Garda Cooper (Garda).
Middle—Gardai Chase and Forde (Garda).
Cruiser—Garda Murphy (Garda).
Heavy—Garda Flanagan (Garda).

Substitutes—Fly-weight, Private Connell (A.A.A.); bantam, T. Kelly (St. Tarsicius); feather, F. Wright (Phœnix); light, W. Wright (Phœnix); welter, J. O'Leary (St. Andrew's); middle, Garda Blackwell (Garda); cruiser, W. Wilson (St. Andrew's); heavy, Garda O'Driscoll (Garda).

BOXING IN ULSTER.

A report upon boxing prospects in Belfast was made by the President, who said that the Royal Ulster Constabulary were to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements at their first annual tournament. After a discussion it was decided to ask Captain Morrison, R.U.C., to act as Chairman, and to convene a meeting of all those interested in boxing with a view to the formation of a Provincial Ulster Council to govern and organise boxing in Ulster.

MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Correspondence was read from Captain Brennan, Cork, in connection with the Munster Championships on 24th and 25th January. It was decided that as many members of the Standing Committee as found it possible would travel to Cork to assist in the organisation of these championships. Colonel Byrne, Dr. Hannigan, Mr. J. J. Healy and Mr. T. P. Walsh undertook to assist. Thirty-five entries were reported up to the present. The closing date for entries is 14th January. It was decided to help in a similar manner in the organisation of the Connaught Championships, to be held on 8th and 9th February in Athlone.

A COUNTY DUBLIN BOARD.

A meeting of the delegates of the City and County of Dublin clubs was arranged to be held at Jury's Hotel to form a County Dublin Board. The President and Hon. Secretary were delegated to attend to explain the scheme of organisation.

An elementary tournament to select youths who will represent Ireland against a Liverpool selection in January was arranged for 11th January, to be held in Kevin street, if available. The winners will travel to Liverpool to meet an English team of boys.

FIXTURES.

The following fixtures were approved:—
29th March—Army Champions v. Irish Champions.
First week of April—Tournament in aid of Jervis street Hospital.

FORM HORSES.

CHELTENHAM.

1. 0—Temeland.
1.30—Clarkia.
2. 0—Herbert's Choice (nap).
2.30—Caporal.
3. 0—Balius.
3.30—Wild Rake.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Express:—Double—Herbert's Choice and Caporal. Safety bet—Herbert's Choice (to win).

Daily Mirror:—Double—Herbert's Choice and Baliu.

Daily Sketch:—Double — Poltroon and Herewith.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

LINGFIELD PARK MEETING.
Blindley Heath Hurdle—Fitaurari.
Howard Steeplechase—Battleshaft.
Dormans Steeplechase—Bright's Boy.

MISCELLANEOUS.
All published handicap—Vaudricourt.
New Year Handicap, Hurst Park—Le Gros.
Manchester Handicap Steeplechase—Mount Etna and Sprig.
Karlstown Handicap, Haydock Park—Somercotes and Hidalgo II.
All engagements in Lord Glanely's name—Greystone Manor (late Refectory).
Manchester and Haydock Park engagements—Barrie Boy.
All engagements—Home Hill (dead) and Mysterious (dead).

BALDOYLE RACES.

NEW YEAR MEETING.
TO-MORROW (TUESDAY).
First Race, 1.15. Last Race, 3.35.
THREE STEEPLECHASES AND THREE HURDLE RACES.

MEMBERS' ANNUAL BADGES can be had from the Secretary, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.
"A" Badge, £5, admits One Gentleman.
"B" Badge, £7, admits One Gentleman and Two Ladies.
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These Badges obtain admission to all Stands, Enclosures, etc., and are available for all Race Meetings held at Baldoyle during 1929. Gentlemen will be entitled to have their motors admitted FREE to the Reserved Motor Enclosure on showing Membership Badge and giving the number to the gatekeeper. —(Advt.)

76 Under Orders.

The Newmarket trainer, T. Leader, has ordered no fewer than nine boxes, and stabling accommodation has already been booked for 76 competitors at Manchester.

ANGLING.

OVER 2,000 PERCH KILLED.

Fishing Toome Canal, Toomebridge, Co. Antrim, on Boxing Day, twenty-eight members of the Belfast Sea Anglers' Club killed 590 perch and a few pike. There were fifteen prizes offered, and the winner of first prize was Mr. Thomas Hart, who killed sixty-seven fish. No competitor had less than a score of perch.

The same day the Pickwick Angling Club, Belfast, fished the same water, when over 1,400 perch were killed. The Braddell Cup and first prize was won by Mr. John Beattie, who had fifty-seven fish. There were seventy members of the club in the competition.

SELECTIONS FOR CHELTENHAM MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times........	Keep Cool.*	Thistle Bud.	Muster.	Silver Island.	Wroxham Bridge.	Wild Rake.
Galtee More........	—	—	Beech-Martin; if ab., Herbert's Choice.	—	Blue Bag.	Brimps.
S. Life & Sportsman...	Temeland.	Acceleration.	Herbert's Choice.	Caporal.*	Blue Bag.	Wild Rake.
Man on the Spot...	Temeland.	Plumado.	Herbert's Choice.	Caporal.	Blue Bag.	Jingle Johnnie.*
Daily Express......	Temeland.	Alliteration.	Herbert's Choice.*	Caporal.	Blue Bag	Wild Rake.
Daily Mirror........	Camperdown	Borjom.	Herbert's Choice.	Caporal	Balius.	Wild Rake.
Daily Sketch........	Rathory.	Clarkia.	Delarue.	Herewith.	Wroxham Bridge; if ab., Blue Bag.	Poltroon.*
Star........	White Cargo.	Thistle Bud.	Herbert's Choice.	Ponorogo.	Gryphon.	Wild Rake.*
Evening News........	Keep Cool.	Thistle Bud.	Herbert's Choice.*	Caporal.	Blue Bag.*	Master Dabber.
Evening Standard...	Hard Nail.	Bosy Bisto.	Maroon Gun.	Martian.	Dinard.	Jingle Johnnie.
The Times........	Keep Cool; if ab., White Cargo.	Clarkia.	Maroon Gun.	Caporal.	Harrison's selected.	Wild Rake.

IRELAND'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL.

OUR CHANCES AGAINST FRANCE.

A STRENUOUS MATCH ANTICIPATED.

PARIS, Sunday Night.

With Ireland and France rests the honour of opening the international campaign of the present season, and at the Colombes ground, Paris, to-morrow teams representing these countries will meet for the sixteenth time. So far Ireland has had a preponderance of wins, twelve of the engagements falling to her share, the other three being won by France. No matter how strong a team we consider our own to be or how weak we regard the French side there is always a feeling of doubt about the result of this match when played in Paris. We have seen strong Irish teams badly upset by the style of play put up by mediocre French sides, but not often beaten it is true. And it is not altogether the play and the players that matter so much. There is the journey extending over two days, two sea crossings very often over exceedingly turbulent waters, matters not calculated to make for the fitness of our players. There is as well an atmosphere to be considered.

A GOOD IRISH SIDE.

A very excited and, perhaps, over enthusiastic crowd, viewing the match largely from the one standpoint. These are things which count; they often upset the Irish players. That the Irish fifteen for to-morrow's match is composed of men likely to be affected by such considerations I do not for a moment think. They are all, with one exception, men now well tried in international encounters. The majority have already gone through the experience of a game in the French capital, which is a matter of the greatest importance.



G. V. Stephenson
(The Irish Captain).

THE FRENCH TEAM.

If we can take the French critics as accurate in their opinions of the French side, there should be no doubt but that Ireland will win. In Paris the opinion amongst those competent to judge is that the team is in no way stronger than the best of the French teams turned out last season. Last year at Belfast Ireland won by 4 tries to 1 goal and 1 try, and there was no doubt about the superiority of the side. France then had to call upon several substitutes, and the team they put in the field against Wales was a far better one.

A NOTABLE FRENCH WIN.

France, it will be remembered, won their match against the Principality, which was played in Paris, by 1 goal 1 try to 1 try. That achievement was one of the best in the annals of French Rugby football. Those of us who saw Ireland struggle so hard to beat Wales at Cardiff can realise this. It is this upsetting form which makes us always regard the game with France with such uncertainty as to what is going to happen. There are not many changes on the French side from that which defeated Wales, and on this score alone we are compelled to refrain from optimism as to the result.

IRISH XV. AS GOOD AS LAST YEAR'S.

While we are in no better position than those of the French critics as to what sort of game France will play, we at least know sufficient of our own players to estimate them very highly. The Irish team is very nearly as strong as the best of our sides of last season, and that was the fifteen which played against Wales. This present team is probably just as good. No fault can be found with the back division. J. W. Stewart, though he does not inspire confidence on all occasions, came through last season's games without once letting the side down. He has also given us every satisfaction in the two trial games this season. Our three-quarter line is a sound one, and a typical one for a French match, inasmuch as all four men are as reliable in defence as they are certain and sure in attack. Sugden and Davy can be depended upon to do their part with credit against any pair of half-backs playing at the moment. The forwards individually are all first class, but one would like to have seen them playing together in one or other of the trials, as there is just the chance that they will take time to blend into a proper formation which will ensure them getting possession in the scrimmages to an extent which will afford the backs the necessary opportunities for running up scores.

It will, no doubt, be the usual hard struggle, with robust, vigorous methods probably more prominent than the finer points of the game; but unless the Irish team fails to play up to the standard shown in the majority of the games last season I cannot see that the side is going to lose. The added experience of a year will count in favour of all the players on the side in this particular match, and if France wins she will well deserve her victory.

The Irish players and officials, accompanied by a large party of Rugby enthusiasts from Ireland, arrived in Paris last evening. They had quite a good crossing, and all the members of the team are in excellent trim for to-morrow's match. Yesterday morning a visit was paid to the Arc de Triomphe, and Mr. H. J. Millar, the President of the Irish Rugby Football Union, placed a wreath on the grave of the Unknown Soldier. Subsequently the party drove to Fontainbleau, where a very enjoyable time was spent.

CHANGE IN THE FRENCH TEAM.

There is one change announced to-night in the French team, A. Behoteguy, who, it transpires, has not sufficiently recovered from his recent accident to do himself justice, being replaced by Palois Laciau, who is a new cap. The ground is in good order, and a record attendance is expected. Teams :—

IRELAND.

FULL-BACK.

*J. W. Stewart (N.I.F.C.).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

*J. E. Arigho (Lansdowne).
*P. Murray (Wanderers).
*G. V. Stephenson (N.I.F.C., Capt.).
*J. B. Ganly (Monkstown).

HALF-BACKS.

*E. O. Davy (Lansdowne).
*M. Sugden (Wanderers).

FORWARDS.

*G. R. Beamish (R.A.F.).
*S. J. Cagney (London Irish).
*J. D. Clinch (Wanderers).
M. J. Dunne (Lansdowne).
*J. L. Farrell (Bective Rangers).
*J. P. Mullane (Limerick Bohemians).
*C. Hanrahan (Cork Dolphin).
*C. T. Payne (N.I.F.C.).

FRANCE.

FULL-BACK.

L.Piquenal (Tarbes).

THREE-QUARTER BACKS.

*A. Jaureguy (Stade Français).
Palois Laciau.
— Cossarieu (Pau).
*R. Houdet (Stade Français).

HALF-BACKS.

— Sarrade (Pau).
*C. Dupont (Stade Bordelais).

FORWARDS.

*A. Ribère (Quillan).
*J. Gallia (Quillan).
*J. Branca (Stade Français).
*G. Majerus (Stade Français).
*A. Camel (Stade Toulousain).
— Lacaze (Perigueux).
*F. Camicas (Tarbes).
*R. Hauc (Toulon).

*Denotes old International.

Referee—Mr. B. S. Cumberlege (England).

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The majority of the Dublin clubs were below strength for their matches last Saturday, particularly Lansdowne, who, in addition to Arigho, Davy and Dunne, had several others of their regular side away. The result was they were well beaten by a strong Cardiff XV., who crossed their line five times.

Bective Rangers, without their best forward, James Farrell, experienced little difficulty in overcoming Old Wesley, but Monkstown were fully extended by Clontarf at Castle avenue, the deciding score being registered in the last few minutes, the Sydney parade side winning by two points.

Blackrock College ran up four tries against Palmerston, who responded with a converted try.

Wanderers, in the first match of their short English tour, went under to Waterloo, but the Dublin club were weakly represented, and were two short in the second period.

PLUCKY DISPLAY BY LANSDOWNE.

CARDIFF .... 21 LANSDOWNE 3

Cardiff took full revenge for their defeat by Lansdowne last season when, on Saturday at Lansdowne road, they defeated the Leinster cup-holders by 3 goals and 2 tries (21 points) to 1 penalty goal (3 points).

Lansdowne were severely handicapped, however, in addition to J. E. Arigho, E. Davy and M. J. Dunne, they were without S. Hogan, T. O'Reilly and M. Crowe, all down with injuries; so that the display of the home combination against such a strong team was not at all bad.

Had the Welshmen taken matters more seriously the margin would have been larger. Mindful of the weakness behind, the Lansdowne forwards bore the brunt of the battle and they fought valiantly throughout the game. Indeed, it was due to their hard work that Cardiff, playing with a strong wind in the first half, were held to eight points at the interval. In the second period also they stuck to their guns, and led many an attack which, however, was easily repulsed.

Cardiff included several international and international trial players. Their backs had many bright rounds of passing, and four of the five scores came from movements behind the scrums. Roberts and Davies displayed great speed on their respective wings, while Boon showed cleverness and resource in the centre. Gwyn Jones and F. Williams formed a clever combination at half-back, and best of the pack were Burns, Fender, Bunce and Brothers. Male, at full-back, was not highly tried, but anything which came his way he accomplished brilliantly.

Jameson, at full-back for Lansdowne, had his hands full and came through a trying match with credit. Occasionally he was not sure in his fielding or picking-up, but he tackled soundly and was not to blame for any of the scores. The middle line was very little concerned in attack, but Daly and Lightfoot made full use of few opportunities; while Harris was the better centre. R. Hogan, the University College player, was in his best form at the base of the scrum, but Lambert spoiled some promising movements by holding on too long and by a tendency to run across. The backs were all good in defence, however, and several forward rushes were held up very pluckily. V. J. Pike, W. Cremin, Conroy and Anketell were the pick of a hard-working eight.

The scoring was opened early, when Burns, whipping up in the loose, initiated a passing bout, which culminated in Davies crossing for a try, which was not converted. Jones got the next try, the outcome of a swift pass from Boon, who intercepted one from N. Hogan. Male converted, and, at the interval, Cardiff were eight points to the good. Davies, Roberts and Arnott added tries for Cardiff in the second half, the last-named getting over from a strong forward burst. Male added the points on two occasions. Earlier, R. Hogan had kicked a penalty goal for Lansdowne.

Lansdowne—T. Jameson; E. J. Lightfoot, N. Hogan, T. V. Harris, B. R. Daly; R. Hogan, N. H. Lambert; A. G. Anketell, M. E. Barden, J. T. Cathcart, W. Cremin, F. Conroy, L. Halligan, B. Neary, V. J. Pike.

Cardiff—B. O. Male; J. Roberts, R. Boon, Grahame Jones, Gwyn Davies; Gwyn Jones, F. Williams; K. P. Turnbull, P. Bunce, T. Arnott, H. Brothers, N. Fender, J. Cummings, T. M. Williams, T. Burns.

WANDERERS IN THE WARS.

WATERLOO .... 29 WANDERERS 3

A weak team that included several reserves opened the Wanderers' tour on the Merseyside, and a one-sided game ended in Waterloo winning by 4 goals 3 tries (29 points) to 1 try (3 points). Waterloo have a powerful team in these days, and, added to Wanderers' weakness was a chapter of accidents, which caused the side to finish with thirteen men. Kennedy damaged his hand before half-time, but pluckily resumed after medical attention; but Greeley and Woods were less fortunate, and the pair were out of the game throughout the second half. In the circumstances, and with Waterloo on the top of their form, nothing short of a Wanderers' defeat could be expected.

In the first half, and when the visitors were at full numbers, Waterloo were confined to three scores—a goal and two tries. Thereafter the game was particularly one-sided. The Waterloo forwards, led by Periton, the international, and Foulds, Rigby and Clint were always leading fierce open attacks. Potterton, Hilton, Reilly and Robertson, among the Wanderers' forwards, struggled hard to stem the tide, but the Waterloo backs, particularly Meikle the English Trial half, and Benson, the Lancashire County three-quarter, were much too fast and clever for Vaughan, Keegan and MacAllister, whose defence broke down several times when the home outsides got into their stride. Morton, the Wanderers full-back, saved well at times, while his kicking was good. Potterton's leadership, too, was of value. In the general play, however, Waterloo were much too powerful on a ground which was favourable to a fast game.

Tries were got for Waterloo by Atkinson (2), Benson (2), Rigby, Foulds and Meikle, and Foulds converted from these. Potterton got over for Wanderers, Kennedy failing with the kick.

Waterloo—J. O'Donnell; W. Berry, J. O. Benson, E. H. Allen, J. K. Atkinson; S. C. Meikle, J. D. McArthur; A. H. Rigby (capt.), H. G. Periton, D. Feesmith, K. S. Norton, E. Foulds, A. N. Clint, G. Taylor, R. T. Foulds.

Wanderers—J. H. Morton; J. Grealy, V. MacAllister, J. Keegan, D. Kennedy; A. Vaughan, D. Crofton; N. H. Potterton, H. Hilton, J. K. Reilly, G. Robertson, M. McQuain, R. C. Ellis, G. Woods, M. H. Ellis.

A FORWARD STRUGGLE AT DONNYBROOK.

BECTIVE RANGERS 17 OLD WESLEY 8

Bective Rangers defeated Old Wesley in a good, hard match at Donnybrook last Saturday by 2 goals (from tries), 1 dropped goal and 1 try (17 points) to 1 goal and 1 try (8 points).

The game was chiefly fought out between two excellent packs. Spectacular passing movements were rare, but so frequent did dribbling bouts change the scene of action that interest never flagged.

The Bective forwards had an advantage in weight, but in every other particular the forces were as evenly matched as could be. Neither side was at full strength, but those who did duty filled their places manfully.

The clash of really good-class forwards is always exhilarating, and that is what those who visited Donnybrook saw.

Bective scored first, an early attack being rewarded when Sheridan, from out-half, dropped a smart goal. This young player did very well all through. His style, method and temperament portend distinction. Old Wesley soon retaliated, and during an attack Beggs forced his way over for a try, which he failed to convert. A long kick by a Bective back bounced awkwardly for Walker, and O'Donnell, dashing up, gathered and went over for a try which Carroll goaled.

Early in the second half a good passing movement, in which several Bective forwards took part, culminated in Sheehan scoring a try for Carroll to convert. After the kick out Old Wesley set up and maintained pressure, and Kapp, obtaining near the "25" line, swerved his way through for a characteristic try, which Beggs converted. Bective had an innings, and Lightfoot, receiving after several transfers, ran finely to score a try. The place kick failed.

On the winning team Moran gave a good account of himself at full-back. Of the other backs, apart from Sheridan, O'Donnell stood out, though Sheehan and Lightfoot go through a lot of useful work. In the pack Carroll showed a return of the form which brought him into such prominence last season, and he had able assistants in Keane and Fitzsimons. Walker, a former High School pupil, had a stiff test in the last line for Old Wesley. He had one piece of ill-luck which cost his team a score, but otherwise his display was impressive. He fielded well, tackled resolutely, and kicked a fine length. Kapp showed considerable ability at three-quarter back. Tombe and Willoughby, the latter of whom had to retire owing to an injury, combined well at half, and in a fine pack, Prim and Beggs deserve mention, while Love, filling the vacancy in the back division, played a fine game.

Bective Rangers—D. Moran; H. V. Lightfoot, M. A. Sheehan, J. O'Donnell G. M. Ivers; R. Sheridan, J. Shields; P. J. Keane, C. Carroll, J. J. Fitzsimons, P. Powell, M. McInerney, G. C Higginbotham, J. Macbeth, J. McMourragh.

Old Wesley—D. Walker; H. M. Kapp E. C. Wheeler, E. W. Massey, A. C. McGowan; E. R. Tombe, E. Willoughby; J. Beggs, H. D. Prim, A. W. Love, G. W. Clegg, J. M. Weldon, G. T. C. May, C. Cunningham, D. Maxwell.

Referee—Mr. N. M. Purcell.

A BELATED RALLY BY MONKSTOWN.

MONKSTOWN ...... 16 CLONTARF 14

At Castle avenue last Saturday a fast, open game resulted in a win for the Sydney Parade side by two points—two goals and two tries to two goals (one from a mark) and two tries for Clontarf.

It was mainly a forward battle. Monkstown, who played a forward short all through and finished with thirteen men, were lucky to win, Clontarf holding the lead until the last five minutes.

Clontarf, starting uphill against the wind, went off with a dash, and from a scrum Butler dribbled over for a try, which Seymour converted from a difficult angle. Monkstown rushed down, and Williams kicking ahead, Wall got the touch, but Williams was wide with the kick. Ten minutes later Shanks scored under the bar, but McAuley missed with a "sitter." A couple of minutes afterwards O'Farrell burst through for a try close in, which Williams converted. Half-way through O'Dwyer led up to Mullally scoring far out. Seymour's kick dropping short, and near the interval Seymour marked and landed a good goal from near half-way, to leave the sides level.

After such prolific scoring each side played for safety, and loose rushes and scrambling mid-field play was the order. After twenty-five minutes Murphy scored on the right. Seymour's kick went wide, but the home side held the lead to five minutes from the end. Williams retired with a sprained ankle, but Salmon sent McMullan in to equalise, McAuley converting.

Gillis, who deputised for O'Sullivan, was sound at back. Connell and Salmon showed speed on the wings, and Williams and Wall defended well. McMullan, who worked the scrum in the first half, did better later on the wing, and Odbert kicked finely. The best of the forwards were Mulhern, Hooper, Shanks and O'Farrell. Langan kicked and tackled soundly. Browne and Mullally were enterprising on the wings, and O'Dwyer and Lawler were always trying for openings. Seymour kicked effectively, and Tyndall was a plucky out-half. The best of the forwards were Mahony, Mooney, Glass and Butler.

Clontarf—D. J. Langan; A. D. A. Browne, J. O'Dwyer, T. J. G. Lawler, J. B. Mullally; G. A. Tyndall, E. N. Seymour; O. L. Mahony, T. D. Murphy, P. H. Mooney, J. P. Cavanagh, J. V. Glass, V. Hayes, D. Butler, E. J. Doyle.

Monkstown—C. H. Gillis; J. V. Connell, H. Williams, T. H. D. Wall, F. H. Salmon; F. McMullen, A. N. B. Odbert; E. C. G. Mulhern, K. O'Farrell, J. R. Shanks, N. Counihane, J. J. Hooper, P. Tighe, N. J. McAuley.

RESOLUTE TACKLING BY BLACKROCK.

BLACKROCK COLL. 12 PALMERSTON 5

Blackrock College, at Williamstown last Saturday, defeated Palmerston by four tries to one goal. Palmerston made several last-minute changes, but they put up a good fight, and, after the first fifteen minutes, there was very little to choose between them.

Though lively enough, it was rather an uninteresting game, there being little concerted back play. The Blackrock backs did not play up to recent form, and depended largely on kick and follow-up tactics. This policy was justified to some extent by the holding state of the ground.

They also were more determined than the opposing set, who could make little headway against fine tackling. At the outset the Blackrock forwards were all over the Palmerston pack, but they did not sustain the pace, and in the second half the visiting forwards were on top, and brought off many capital rushes.

Willis, at full for Blackrock, had no trouble in dealing with what came his way. Fullen and O'Donnell were about the best of the three-quarters, and Devenish put in a lot of useful work at out-half, but kicked too much. P. Smith did well at scrum-half, and the best of the forwards were Burns, Hay, T. Smith, and Vaughan.

V. Kirwan, the Palmerston full-back, had an onerous task to perform, and in the first half especially he pulled up many rushes in gallant style; his defence generally was first-class. The three-quarters were seldom in an attacking movement, but Hussey and Dick defended soundly. Hendrick, at out-half, got the ball too slowly, and was generally bottled up before he could make a move; but he effected one fine run, which led to a score. The most prominent forwards were Wilson, C. Kirwan, A. E. Thompson, and Doyle.

Blackrock opened their account in the first few minutes, Devenish kicking the ball over the line, and O'Donnell, being favoured by the bounce of the ball, secured a try, which Crowe failed to convert. The second try was obtained by Fullen, and just on half-time O'Donnell got his second try. Blackrock were first to score after the interval, O'Donnell crossing at the corner. Palmerston's only score was the best of the match, Naismith finishing off a bright passing bout with a good run, which took him behind the posts, and A. E. Thompson added the points.

Blackrock College—E. Willis; T. O'Donnell, F. Fullen, P. Crowe, L. Stanley; K. Devenish, P. Smith; R .Hay, M. Burns, M. Cogan, D. Scully, M. Walshe, T. Smith, M. Vaughan, M. Mullins.

Palmerston—V. E. Kirwan; R. Dick, R. T. Falkiner, F. P. Hussey, J. W. Naismith; J. Moore, V. Hendrick; D. D. Hussey, C. N. Kirwan, V. E. Kerr, A. E. Thompson, R. H. Doyle, T. A, Thompson, J. R. Wilson, J. H. Thompson.

Referee—Mr. J. H. Miles.

"SERVICE" ULSTER CHAMPIONS.

By defeating Knock at Hawthornden road by 1 goal 3 tries (14 points) to nil, Civil Service, in their first year as a senior side, won the Ulster League championship There was no mistake about the superiority of the winning team in this game, and they played good football, notwithstanding the state of the ground. Knock made a spirited challenge to their opponents in the first half, but after the interval the Service pressed strongly, and it was only sound defence by Knock that kept the score down to that named.

The only score of the first half was a penalty try to Service for obstruction by one of the Knock backs, and L. C. Dennis converted. Service were often defending for the remainder of the first half, but when play was re-started they went further ahead, McDonald scoring, but Dennis failed to convert. Duncan and Caldbeck obtained unconverted tries for the Service before the close.

Owing to the state of the ground, the Bangor v. Collegians match was postponed, while in the other game Lurgan caused a surprise by beating Malone, Lurgan obtaining a goal and 2 tries (11 points) to 3 tries (9 points). K. K. Johnston, R. B. Murphy, and R. McCleary got the Lurgan tries, and McCleary converted one; while J. H. G. Majury and J. Johnston (2) scored tries for Malone.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

France v. Ireland. At Paris.

Wanderers' Schoolboys v. Lansdowne Schoolboys. Lansdowne road, 2.45.

Wanderers' Junior Schoolboys v. Claremont. Lansdowne road, 2.45.

Monkstown Schoolboys v. Bective Rangers' Schoolboys. Donnybrook, 2.30.

Wanderers' Schoolboys (v. Lansdowne Schoolboys)—A. H. Butler; C. H. Chamney, E. C. Ridgeway, D. K. Stewart, N. C. Lea; C. A. Coghlan, R. C. Riley; J. C. Anderson, W. G. Carey, F. R. Irving, H. Johnston, T. Johnston, C. W. Macnamara, J. E. Price (capt.), S. Tinkler.

Wanderers' Junior Schoolboys (v. Claremont)—H. W. Robinson (capt.); W. A. Lynch, P. Manning, H. McDougald, G. A. Brewster; C. H. Bowles, E. Graham; F. Dwyer, J. Halliday, E. A. Houston, B. Hughes, G. Johnston, G. McDermott, D. R. Meyer, J. Mofsovitz.

Mountjoy Schoolboys (v. Bective Rangers Schoolboys)—L. Keane; D. O'Connor, J. Cullen, S. Murphy, N. Murphy; S. Noble (capt.), I. Whiteside; G. Kent, J. O'Toole, T. Williams, T. Hefferman, J. Cotter, B. McCourt, A. Waldon, F. Hefferman.

IRELAND v. FRANCE.—Notes on prospects of the game and photos appear in the current issue of "THE IRISH FIELD." On Sale at all Newsagents.—(Advt.)

LACROSSE.

TOURNAMENT AT TRINITY HALL.

It is proposed to hold a Lacrosse Tournament at Trinity Hall, Dartry road, on the morning and afternoon of Monday, 14th January. The tournament will be open to all lacrosse players, and lunch and tea will be provided. Anyone wishing to play should send in their names and places on the field, with 2/5 to cover expenses, to Miss D. Griffith, Greenane, Temple road, Rathmines, before 14th January.

PIONEER LACROSSE CLUB.

General practice for all members to-day at Trinity Hall, Darty road, at 3 o'clock.

WEEK-END RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

RUGBY.

SENIOR MATCHES.

	Pts.		Pts.
Cardiff	21	Lansdowne	3
Bective Rangers	17	Old Wesley	8
Blackrock College	12	Palmerston	5
Monkstown	16	Clontarf	14
Garryowen	13	Dolphin	9

JUNIOR MATCHES.

Bective Rangers 2nd	24	Old Wesley 2nd	0
Malahide	14	Blackrock College 2nd	0
C.Y.M.S. 2nd	14	Monkstown 2nd	0
Imperials	15	Palmerston 2nd	5
Railway Union	9	Civil Service	0
Lansdowne 2nd	14	Clontarf 2nd	0
Railway Union 2nd	6	Balbriggan 2nd	3
Lansdowne 3rd	12	Clontarf 3rd	0
Wanderers 3rd	11	Suttonians	3
Y.M.C.A. 2nd	13	Civil Service 2nd	3
Imperials 2nd	14	Palmerston 3rd	6

ULSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.

	Pts.		Pts.
Civil Service	14	Knock	0
Lurgan	11	Malone	9

ULSTER JUNIOR CUP.

Ballymena	12	North of Ireland 2nd	5
Enniskillen	24	Malone	8

ULSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Banbridge	20	Lurgan 2nd	0
Armagh	14	Cooke	8
Knock 2nd	11	C.I.Y.M.S.	5
Donaghadee	11	Dungannon	0
Larne	14	Collegians 2nd	6

ULSTER MINOR LEAGUE.

Armagh 2nd	20	C.I.Y.M.S. 2nd	0
Bangor 3rd	11	North of Ireland 3rd	4
Queen's Island 2nd	3	Carrick 2nd	0
Instonians 3rd	9	Larne 2nd	3
Y.M.C.A. 2nd	9	Sirocco	0

ULSTER JUNIOR TRIAL.

Greens	6	Whites	3

CROSS-CHANNEL RESULTS.

CLUB MATCHES.

Blackheath	16	Richmond	5
Edgware	3	Cross Keys	0
London Scottish	13	Old Leysians	7
Army	14	Harlequins	8
Bristol	0	Swansea	0
Bradford	11	Birkenhead Park	32
Bedford	10	Rosslyn Park	14
Cardiff	22	Old Edwardians	0
Coventry	11	Old Alleynians	3
Gloucester	9	Cheltenham	3
Leicester	12	Manchester	16
Moseley	3	Northampton	9
Mountain Ash	0	Pontypool	8
Newport	9	Plymouth Albion	3
Penarth	6	Llanelly	3
Liverpool	17	North of Ireland	6
Old Millhillians	8	Old Blues	3
Abertillery	3	Maesteg	0
Lydney	7	Clifton	3
Barnet	3	Harpenden	5

Matches postponed owing to bad state of the ground and other causes:—Aberavon v. London Hospital, Bath v. Glamorgan, Neath v. Bridgend, Exeter v. Devonport Services, Glasgow High School v. Edinburgh Academicals.

RUGBY LEAGUE.

Castleford	5	Hull Kingston Rovers	5
Dewsbury	16	Featherstone R.	6
Halifax	40	Bradford Northern	8
Hull	8	Huddersfield	11
Keighley	5	Hunslet	8
Leeds	10	Wigan	19
Leigh	0	St. Helens	3
Oldham	11	Widnes	0
St. Helens Rec.	32	Broughton R.	5
Salford	16	Batley	0
Swinton	2	Warrington	5
Wakefield Trinity	14	Bramley	4
Wigan Highfield	20	Barrow	7
York	13	Rochdale Hornets	4

HOCKEY.

SENIOR LEAGUE.

Kingstown G.S.	4	Dalkey	1
Monkstown	6	Wicklow	2

MIDDLE LEAGUE.

North Kildare	4	Civil Service	1
Dalkey 2nd	3	Avoca	1

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

Grangegorman	7	Fairview C.Y.M.S.	1

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Fairview C.Y.M.S. 2nd	6	Y.M.C.A.	0
Pembroke W. 4th	w.o.	Corinthians 3rd	scr.

CLUB MATCH.

Railway Union (A)	3	Shamrocks	3

ULSTER INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE.

C.P.A.	2	Knock	2
Cliftonville 2nd	0	Lisnagarvey 2nd	0
Banbridge 2nd	1	Antrim 2nd	0
East Antrim 2nd	3	Holywood 2nd	2

ULSTER JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Willowfield	3	Ballyclare	1
Albert Foundry	1	Cregagh	0
Ophir	2	Civil Service	0
North Down 3rd	1	Lisnagarvey 3rd	0
Queen's 2nd	5	East Antrim 3rd	3
Richhill	2	Banbridge Technical	0
Bangor	1	Kinedar	1

LADIES' RESULTS.

SENIOR LEAGUE—A.

	Goals.		Goals.
Muckross	3	Pembroke Wanderers	0
Old College	3	Trefoil	3

SENIOR LEAGUE—B.

Bray	9	Maids 2nd	1

INTERMEDIATE—A.

Glengara Park	2	St. Kevin's	1
Criterions	3	Civil Service 2nd	2
North Kildare	5	Muckross 3rd	4
Old College 3rd	7	Pembroke Wand. 2nd.	0
Grangegorman 2nd	1	Maids 4th	0

INTERMEDIATE—B.

Monkstown 2nd	5	Loreto Past	3
Newcomes	2	Optimists 3rd	1
Bray 2nd	3	Antiquity 2nd	2

MIDDLE—A.

Annadale	6	Criterion 2nd	0
Triginta 2nd	4	Trefoil 2nd	0
Grangegorman 3rd	5	Pembroke Wand. 3rd	0
Naas	2	Girl Guides	1

MIDDLE—B.

R. and S.P.U.	3	Old Wesley 2nd	0
Glengara Park 2nd	3	Monkstown 3rd	2
National Bank 2nd	3	St. George's	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE.

Newcomes 4th	5	Triginta 3rd	2
Nutgrove 2nd	4	St. George's 2nd	0
Imperial Ambers	4	Loreto Past 3rd	1
National Bank 3rd	2	Imperial Willmount	1

MINOR LEAGUE.

Annadale 4th	1	Criterions 4th	1
Imperial Ambers 2nd.	6	Shielmartin 2nd	0
Nutgrove 2nd	1	R. and S.P.U. 2nd	1

CLUB GAMES.

Maids of the M'tain	8	Optimists B	3
Triginta	2	Old College 2nd	1
Glenageary	5	Muckross 2nd	2

ASSOCIATION.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
*Shelbourne	3	Jacobs	1
Bohemians	2	*St. James's Gate	0
*Dundalk	3	Fordsons	3

Bray Unknowns—Shamrock Rovers postponed.
Drumcondra—Brideville postponed.

LEINSTER SENIOR CUP.

*Richmond United	0	Glasnevin	0
University College	3	*Frankfort	2

Bendigo—Dolphins postponed.

IRISH LEAGUE.

Glentoran	10	Queen's Island	3
Bangor	3	Glenavon	3
Belfast Celtic	6	Ards	2
Linfield	3	Newry Town	1
Distillery	5	Ballymena	1
Portadown	2	Cliftonville	1
Larne	2	Coleraine	1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—I.

Arsenal	2	Sheffield Wednesday	2
Aston Villa	1	Leeds United	0
Blackburn	3	Derby County	1
Bury	2	Liverpool	2
Cardiff	2	Newcastle	0
Everton	3	Bolton	0
Huddersfield	3	Portsmouth	1
Leicester	2	Manchester United	1
Manchester City	2	Birmingham	3
Sheffield United	3	West Ham	3
Sunderland	2	Burnley	1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—II.

Blackpool	3	Preston North End	2
Bradford	2	Barnsley	1
Clapton Orient	0	West Bromwich	2
Grimsby	3	Bristol City	2
Middlesbrough	0	Reading	0
Notts County	4	Millwall	5
Oldham Athletic	3	Tottenham	1
Southampton	3	Hull City	2
Stoke City	1	Notts Forest	1
Swansea	0	Chelsea	1
Wolverhampton	4	Port Vale	0

ENGLISH LEAGUE—III. (SOUTH).

Brighton and Hove A.	1	Luton	0
Bristol Rovers	1	Swindon	4
Charlton	3	Northampton	1
Exeter City	2	Brentford	3
Fulham	4	Gillingham	2
Merthyr	2	Plymouth	2
Norwich	3	Coventry	0.
Queen's Park Rangers	5	Torquay	1
Southend	4	Bournemouth	4
Walsall	3	Newport	1
Watford	3	Crystal Palace	3

ENGLISH LEAGUE—III. (NORTH).

Ashington	1	Southport	3
Barrow	0	New Brighton	0
Carlisle	4	Accrington	3
Chesterfield	3	Wrexham	1
Crewe Alexandra	3	Halifax	0
Doncaster Rovers	4	Rochdale	2
Nelson	1	Hartlepools	0
Rotherham	2	Bradford City	2
South Shields	1	Darlington	3
Tranmere	2	Stockport County	1
Wigan Boro'	4	Lincoln City	0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE—I.

Celtic	2	Dundee	1
Cowdenbeath	1	Aberdeen	1
Falkirk	2	Clyde	1
Hearts	4	Queen's Park	1
Kilmarnock	4	Rangers	3
Motherwell	4	Airdrieonians	2
Partick	6	Raith Rovers	1
St. Johnstone	4	Hibernians	0
St. Mirren	2	Ayr United	3
Third Lanark	3	Hamilton	2

ASSOCIATION.

THAT ONE POINT.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SHELBOURNE.

At Dalymount Park on October 27 Bohemians surrendered a point to St. James's Gate in a match which they ought to have won with ease. Shelbourne then moved to the top of the Free State League table, resisted all attempts to dislodge them, and last Saturday won the Championship by one point from the amateurs, whose remarkable sequence of triumphs last season included the Championship.

It was a keen struggle between the two clubs for the last two months, but what a different finish it would have been had Shelbourne, in their concluding match, been up against a side capable of making a draw of Saturday's game!

Shelbourne, however, are worthy champions, but they are much indebted to their defence, as the figures in the table prove. To have conceded only a dozen goals in eighteen matches is a striking tribute to the work of their goalkeeper and backs. The forwards, however, did not distinguish themselves to the same extent as the Bohemian marksmen, the figures being 49-61; as a matter of fact, the Shamrock Rovers' forwards, with a match to play, have a more flattering aggregate than the champions.

Last in the list are Bray Unknowns, who will probably suffer relegation next season, and make room for one of the Senior League clubs, of whom there are a few, such as Richmond Rovers, capable of emulating the excellent achievement of Drumcondra in their first season as seniors.

THE TABLE.

The table to date is appended. The matches between Shamrock Rovers and Bray Unknowns and Drumcondra and Brideville, which had to be postponed, will complete the competition.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Shelbourne	18	16	1	1	49	12	33
Bohemians	18	15	1	2	61	23	32
Shamrock Rovers	17	10	4	3	57	27	23
Drumcondra	17	7	6	4	26	26	18
Dundalk	18	7	8	3	43	44	17
St. James's Gate	18	5	9	4	37	44	14
Fordsons	18	5	10	3	27	36	13
Jacobs	18	2	10	6	26	48	10
Brideville	17	3	11	3	23	55	9
Bray Unknowns	17	2	12	3	23	57	7

HOW THE CHAMPIONS WON.

***SHELBOURNE ...... 3 JACOBS 1**

It was obvious that Shelbourne realised the weakness of the opposition, and that victory would be theirs as a matter of course. No team holding on desperately to a slender lead can afford to incur risks by underrating their rivals; yet Shelbourne regaled their supporters with one of their poorest exhibitions of football of the season.

The prolonged and most interesting struggle for the championship fizzled out badly. When after eighteen minutes of the second half the home team increased their interval lead of a goal (McMillan from a penalty) to two goals (R. Thomas) all interest had gone out of the game, and long before P. Thomas made it three, hundreds had had enough of it and were leaving the enclosure.

One had to admire the plucky effort of the Jacob's team. They made five changes, were opposed to a much heavier and more experienced side, but kept pegging away to the end. A young side, recruited entirely from the employés of the firm whose name they adopted, they are, for the most part, clever footballers. They, however, play a class of football that will always beat them when pitted against a heavier combination.

Their backs and half-backs seldom vary their methods; they lash the ball down the middle, and when the forwards do get going their passing is too short to be effective. In Kennedy they have a goalkeeper who can keep a good goal when his preliminary nervousness wears off, and Ronan is a sound, if not brilliant back; but the only forward in Saturday's team was Owens, whose father was leader and inside right in the original Shelbourne team.

Shelbourne were many goals the better team, even though they did not play like a champion side. The backs were seldom hard pressed and covered their goalkeeper well. The halves were speedy, but as an attacking force they could not be compared to the Shelbourne trios of the past; the speed is there, but certainly not the skill of the lines led for several seasons by Harris. The forwards, as a unit, played a haphazard game; but the Committee would find it difficult to improve on the right wing pair, Robinson and P. Thomas, the centring of the outside man being splendidly timed and accurate.

Shelbourne—Gamblin; Gilhooley, Byrne; Kinsella, Maguire, R. Thomas; Robinson, P. Thomas, Kavanagh, M'Millan, Kendrick.

Jacobs—Kavanagh; Ronan, Farrell; Byrne, Kelly, Nibbs; Corcoran, Killeen, Carlisle, Owens, Crowley.

ST. JAMES' GATE'S FEEBLE FORWARDS.

BOHEMIANS .... 2 ST. JAMES'S GATE... 0

Bohemians made their initial appearance on the Crumlin ground. They were decidedly fortunate to win, as the home side had two-thirds of the play.

The visitors were never at home on the sticky pitch, and were mostly defending until about twenty minutes from time. Then, by their speed and stamina, they demonstrated their superiority. St. James's Gate owe their defeat to the poor finish of their forwards, particularly to their wing men, Banville and Comerford. These players missed the easiest of chances through faulty finishing.

There was no score in the opening half, but on the run of the play and opportunities for scoring the home side should have lead comfortably. The best effort of Bohemians was a delightful cross by Bermingham, which just passed out at the opposite upright. The visitors failed with a penalty kick, McMahon striking the crossbar, and from the rebound Coleman pushed the ball away, but Horlacher drove a strong shot back into the goal, where O'Leary had taken up position and cleverly headed out.

Resuming with the same spirit of aggressiveness, and displaying neat football, St. James's Gate kept up an attack, but again their forwards failed them. Duncan made two good openings for his left and right wingers, who, however, allowed themselves to be dispossessed. Bohemians could make no progress. Their forwards were not working with their customary cohesion, and the home intermediate line held the upper hand. Play continued in favour of St. James's Gate, and whilst they were favoured with further opportunities, they were unable to utilise them.

Thirty minutes had elapsed when Dennis, in an individual close dribble, was apparently pushed off the ball by McKay. McMahon placed the free well, and Horlacher hooked the ball into the goal. Coleman half-heartedly fisted it out, and White drove the rebound back. In its flight the ball was diverted by Horlacher, and it entered the net.

St. James's Gate tired, and Bohemians, taking advantage of their slackness, assumed complete command. In the concluding stages Horlacher scored a beautiful goal with a left foot shot into the left-hand corner.

The losers have a right good side, and should do well in their future games. The extreme wings should, however, be played inside, as they did not display the necessary speed, or cross the ball as wing men should. Tynan, who made his first appearance in senior football, played well, and a like remark applies to the other wing half, Murray, but the latter should concentrate more on the ball when tackling.

St. James's Gate—Coleman; O'Leary, Clarke; Tynan, McKay, Murray; Comerford, Devoy, Whelan, Duncan, Banville.

Bohemians—Capt. Cannon; O'Kane, McCarthy; Byrne, McMahon, Morton; Bermingham, Dennis, White, Horlacher, Kavanagh.

A THRILLING FINISH AT DUNDALK.

***DUNDALK .... 3 FORDSONS 3**

Nothing was at stake between Dundalk and Fordsons at Dundalk yesterday, but the game produced one of the most exciting finishes of the season, four goals being scored in the last ten minutes.

The game opened poorly. Fordsons, with a strong wind, had the better of the play in the first quarter, and Henderson, the Dundalk goalkeeper, was called on repeatedly. A splendid chance to open the scoring for the visitors came to Davies, but he shot wide from close in. In twenty minutes Edwards scored for Fordsons direct from a free kick. There was no further scoring in this half.

Twenty minutes of the second half had gone without any score. The teams were equally matched, but the very heavy ground prevented good football being played. Egan burst away on the left wing for Dundalk, and shot past O'Hagan. After several fruitless raids by both sides, Edwards scored Fordsons' second from close range. Dundalk pressed, and Agnew centred splendidly. As O'Hagan jumped to the ball, so did Carroll, who headed into the net to place the teams level again. Then Herlihy scored a brilliant goal following a great run. From the kick-off Carroll beat the entire Cork defence and, in the closing minutes, levelled the scores.

MATCHES POSTPONED.

The ground at Woodbrook being covered with several inches of snow, it was impossible for Bray Unknowns and Shamrock Rovers to play their final fixture yesterday. The teams were present, but after inspection by the referee (Mr. Quinn) it was decided to postpone the game. The new date will be fixed by the League Committee.

Owing to the unplayable condition of the ground at Tolka Park yesterday the game between Drumcondra and Brideville had to be postponed.

"HAT TRICKS" IN THE IRISH LEAGUE.

For the second time this season ten goals were registered against Queen's Island, Glentoran following Celtic's example at the Oval, Belfast, on Saturday. Crooks scored five, and Roberts, who scored four, performed the "hat trick." Sayers also brought off the "hat trick," scoring Queen's Island's three. The latter in the twenty league games have forfeited 101 goals, an average of five per match.

Celtic, who are out to establish a new scoring record for the competition, beat Ards by 6 goals to 2, and have now obtained 96 goals. Every forward on the Celtic side scored.

Linfield won against Newry Town by 3-1, but their finishing was not good, and they might have dropped a point when Newry exerted strong pressure with the score 2-1 in Linfield's favour.

Distillery beat Ballymena by five goals to one, this being Ballymena's second defeat during the week. Prior to this their only two losses had been to Celtic.

Cliftonville, who did well during the holidays, lost to Portadown at home, but Larne went to Coleraine and defeated the latter.

THE SENIOR CUP.

PENALTY KICKS MISSED.

RICHMOND UNITED ... 0 GLASNEVIN ... 0

This was a typical Cup-tie. In the opening period Glasnevin's team work was superior and it appeared certain they would turn over with a substantial lead.

That they did not do so was due to over-anxiety by the inside forwards, who frittered away many good chances. A penalty awarded them early in this half was taken by J. Mulhall, who drove against the cross-bar.

Richmond were slow to settle down, and in the first half combined poorly. Midway in the second they found their form. Towards the interval a penalty came their way, but, as occurred with their opponents, the cross-bar saved the shot.

Kelly, in goal for Glasnevin, was safe. His fine display was crowned when, lying on the ground, he saved a tremendous short drive from Redmond. J. Mulhall and Carolan were efficient fulls. The halves were the masters of the opposing forwards, and Cotter was the most prominent of a hard-working forward line.

Richmond were well served forward by Redmond and Banks. The whole line, particularly in the second half, played with dash and method, and were well looked after by the middle trio. The fulls, Lally and Furlong, allowed little scope to their attackers, and O'Hanlon in goal was in excellent form.

The game opened at a fast pace, which was maintained, the play being also well distributed. Both sides missed the penalties referred to. After the interval the pace slowed down. Richmond's forwards combined better, and made repeated efforts to take the lead. Towards the end O'Hanlon, in saving a hard drive from Mulhall, was injured, and retired.

Glasnevin—Kelly; Carolan, J. Mulhall; Griffin, Buckley, Kerr; Lumley, Cotter, Sprague, Whelan, P. Mulhall.

Richmond United—O'Hanlon; Lally, Furlong; Murphy, Fennell, Devereux; O'Leary, Fagan, Redmond, Leslie, Banks.

FRANKFORT OUTPACED.

UNIVY. COLLEGE... 3 FRANKFORT 2

A penalty goal put Frankfort out of the Cup competition on Saturday at Finglas, University College, who had a few of their usual team away on vacation, profiting by the weakness of the home forwards.

The match was featured by three penalty kicks, Frankfort being awarded the first; but only one was converted, Donaghy, after O'Reilly's failure, being given the chance with the kick, which he utilised for the University. That was in the closing stages, and prior to Rafferty scoring Frankfort's second goal.

It was a typical Cup tie. The pace was a cracker, but it was mostly big kicking and fast rushing. The Collegians' forwards had too much speed for the opposing halves and full-backs.

The score was level at the interval, McSweeney for Frankfort and Donaghy for University College. In the second half Hollweck and Donaghy (penalty) were the scorers for the visitors, and Rafferty for Frankfort.

Frankfort—Byrne; Chadwick, Devine; Reilly, Durnin, Beban; Bernard, Power, Ryan, M'Sweeney, Rafferty.

University College—Crilly; Frawley, P. Doherty; Kevans, M'Gabon, Dempsey; M'Gilligan, O'Reilly, Hollweck, Donaghy, W. Doherty.

GROUND UNPLAYABLE AT THE THATCH.

Bendigo and Dolphin turned up at The Thatch yesterday to play their Senior Cup tie, but the referee (Mr. Waine) pronounced the ground unplayable.

HANDBALL.

CLONTARF TOURNAMENT.

Weather conditions were unfavourable for the Clontarf Club's soft-ball tournament during the holidays, but, despite the bad morning yesterday, there was a full attendance of all players. Just after the start in the third game of the Kennedy v. Moore match a heavy rainfall necessitated a postponement. The results were:—

G. Keogh beat B. Fitzpatrick—21-8, 21-8; G. Keogh beat T. Kennedy—21-15, 2-21, 21-18 (played on St. Stephen's Day); W. Moore leads T. Kennedy—21-5, 12-21, 5-4.

The Committee have fixed the following fixtures for Sunday next at Clontarf Garda Alley:—11 a.m., M. Culhane v. S. O'Hanlon; 11.45, T. Kennedy v. W. Moore (unfinished game); 12.15, B. Smith v. G. Keogh; 12.45, K. Daly v. M. McHale; 1.15, J. Gilleece v. R. McGinn; 1.45, V. McConnell v. W. Caplis.

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HOCKEY.

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BUCCANEERS DEFEAT AN ULSTER XI.

The only Leinster Senior League matches in the list on Saturday proved very one-sided. Playing at home Kingstown Grammar School—although lacking the services of C. W. Cook in the forward line—had a firm grip on their match with Dalkey right from the start. Duke (2) and Ritchie gave them a 3-0 lead at half-time, and the former made the points secure with another goal on the change over.

At Wicklow the home team held Monkstown very well, and at the interval the score read 2-all. Thereafter, Wicklow fell away, and four more goals gave the visitors an easy win.

A fast, keen game at Park avenue between a Railway Union "A" team and Shamrocks worked out to a 3-all draw, while Buccaneers brought their Northern tour to a close, scoring a good win against an Ulster XI. by 6 goals to 3.

GOOD GOALKEEPING.

KINGSTOWN G.S.... 4 DALKEY 1

A very moderate game indeed was the outcome of the meeting of Grammar School and Dalkey at Tivoli terrace on Saturday. By no process of reasoning could it be described as anything like good hockey, the match being entirely too "chancy," too scrappy; indeed, the only feature of it worth noticing was Anderson's goalkeeping, it being due to him that the score against Dalkey was kept down to the limits it had reached at full time.

A 4-1 defeat may not be a heavy one for Dalkey to face, considering the team they were pitted against. But it does not reflect the relative merits of the sides engaged. Grammar School never had a chance of developing their style, and a good hockey team never has when it plays another whose methods are haphazard and almost purely individual. This explains the moderate nature of this match.

To describe it would be impossible—at least, too lengthy, and not worth while. Suffice it to say that the School team put up three goals (Duke, Ritchie, Duke) in the opening half, and Duke added another in the second, while just on the call of time, Kenny, following up, scored from a rebound after Whitney had stopped a shot from Adams.

If there be a moral to be derived from this game it can only be that Dalkey need a coach sadly. Most teams do at the beginning, but somehow they work out their salvation amongst themselves. Dalkey has not done so thus far, and surely they have been seniors long enough now to have reachde that stage. It is in the "team sense" that they are chiefly lacking, and until they evolve it there is little hope for their advance.

Kingstown Grammar School—F. Whitney; I. McFeran, T. Varian; L. S. Phillips, S. Winder, R. E. Felton; T. Staples, E. Duke, W. C. Ritchie, D. Jones, S. Cheatham.

Dalkey—R. J. Anderson; T. Pender, S. Smallridge; M. Walsh, G. Jenkin, R. G. Hall; F. O'Kelly, L. Adams, A. D. Sarratt, W. H. Kenny, H. D Cobbe.

E. GRAY SCORES FOUR GOALS.

MONKSTOWN...... 6 WICKLOW 2

At Wicklow, conditions were all against a good display; but, in spite of this fact, a very fast and highly interesting game resulted, in which there was not a dull moment.

From the very start the Monkstown half-back line gave their best display of the season, P. McWeeney showed speed and excellent stick work, but was inclined to lose touch. Tyndall had many good tussles with Orr, and honours were about evenly divided. Delamere's quick, clean hitting was a deciding factor in the closing stages. McNally, in goal, was severely tested during the first half, and had no chance with the first goal that beat him, being unsighted.

Wicklow had at inside left R. Haskins, who had not played for some years, and, though short of practice, he played a good game. In the second half, when the visiting forward line really settled down, the home "fulls"—E. J. Hopkins and R. Kent—did fine work. Hopkins had the unenviable task of watching McWeeney and McIlveen, and acquitted himself right well.

Monkstown pressed from the bully-off, and forced several fruitless corners before Dormer opened the score with a fast drive. Play swung to the other end, and Kerr equalised from a melée in the circle. E. Gray put in the visitors' second, and just on half-time Gilletlie again levelled the scoring.

In the second half the visiting team gradually assumed the upper hand, and E. Gray scored from a short corner, and he supplemented this with two further scores, between which came a really good goal per Jones. McCarroll and Gilletlie made several good attempts to score for Wicklow, but Darcus and Delamere proved sound.

Monkstown—E. F. McNally; V. G. Williams, G. Darcus; P. McWeeney, G. Tyndall, J. Delamere; J. McIlveen, E. Dormer, E. Gray, R. M. Jones, J. Gray.

Wicklow—W. Roberts; E. J. Hopkins, R. Kent; N. J. McEachern, A. W. Orr, C. Hopkins; J. H. McCarroll, C. Gilletlie, J. S. D. Kerr, R. Haskins, D. M. O'Reilly.

COOK IN GREAT FORM.

BUCCANEERS ...... 6 ULSTER XI. 3

The Buccaneers finished their Ulster tour with a match against a strong Ulster XI., whom they defeated by 6 goals to 3, C. W. Cook scoring four of the winners' goals. The match was played at Bladon Drive, and though the ground was soft on top, a clever display of hockey was seen. The tourists were the smarter combination in the early stages, but Greenfield kept goal in great style. Seven minutes had gone when Cook, from a penalty corner, opened the scoring; and Cairnes scored the second after a brilliant run. Ulster came more into the game, but could not score. Soon after the second half had started, Semmence and Dick got goals to put the home team level. Cook then gave the Buccaneers the lead, and later got the visitors' fourth. Cairnes obtained the fifth, and Cook the sixth, but before the close Shields got a third for Ulster.

Buccaneers—J. W. F. Crawford (Three Rock Rovers); J. F. Mahony (Three Rock Rovers), C. Somerville-Large (Three Rock Rovers); S. H. M. Webb (Oxford University and Three Rock Rovers), J. Macdonald (North Down), T. H. Ely (Army and Three Rock Rovers); S. Leonard (Three Rock Rovers), W. D. C. Crawley (Dublin University), J. D. Cairnes (Army and Three Rock Rovers), C. W. Cook (Kingstown Grammar School), W. P. MacDonogh (Cliftonville).

Ulster XI.—H. Greenfield (Lisnagarvy); A. Alexander (East Antrim), G. Edwards (Cliftonville); J. H. Harvey (Banbridge), R. W. Moore (Cliftonville), J. P. Simms (Cliftonville); G. Clarke (Antrim), R. Semmence (East Antrim), J. Shields (North Down), W. M. Dick (Cliftonville), N. Coburn (Banbridge).

Umpires—Messrs. Macdonald and Howe.

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"B"—Goal, Miss Stoker (Maids); backs, Mrs. Mainguy (Monkstown) and Mrs. O'Reilly (Maids); halves, Misses Ennis (Muckross), O'Mara (U.C.D.) and Mahony (Maids); forwards, Misses Robinson (Maids), Harrington, Mrs. Gossett (Optimists), Daly (Monkstown) and Foster (Optimists).

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GIRLS' ATTRACTIVE JUMPER SUITS, in Blue Crepella, trimmed White, and finished with short sleeves and inverted pleat in skirt. Usual price, 45/-. Sale Price **22/6**

ALL MODEL DRESSES AND WINTER COATS at greatly reduced prices during Sale.

ODDMENTS in Children's Artificial Silk Frocks and Knickers, 18 in. and 20 in. Sale Prices from **15/11**

Switzers SALE

BEGINS TO-DAY

Every Article Reduced Except Proprietary Goods

Three factors of prime importance to purchasers combine to give this Sale pre-eminence: First—the exceptionally high quality of SWITZER Goods; Second—the remarkable price reductions that operate during Sale-time; Third—the altogether unique and practically unlimited selection available. SWITZERS SALE is an event of such magnitude, affecting as it does thirty-five or more distinct Departments, that it is obvious that only a very small percentage of the thousands of special offers ever appears in print. Consequently, numerous as are the items in this announcement they are but merely representative of the enormous variety of tempting values that await personal shoppers.

POST ORDERS

Country Customers may order with confidence and are urged to Post their Orders without delay to ensure securing their requirements before stocks become depleted. Drapery purchases as usual will be sent Post Free.

LADIES' SHOES

ALL ODD LOTS in **SWITZERS' LADIES' SHOE DEPARTMENT** left over after the season's trading will be offered during the Sale at **GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.** A visit will prove well worth while.



BEAUTIFUL COAT IN FINEST QUALITY MINK DYED KID, with Collar and Cuffs of contrasting shade. (Also with Self Collar and Cuffs.) Lined Brocade. Regular selling price, 35 gns. Special Sale Price ... **18 GNS.**

FUR TIES

LARGE SELECTION OF FASHIONABLE PAHMI TIES, in good quality skins. Usual price, 35/- each. Sale Price, **18/6**

BAUM MARTEN, OPOSSUM, and MINK MARMOT TIES reduced to prices ranging from **45/-**

500 FUR TIES, including Skunk, Baum Marten, Sable, and Foreign Foxes (assorted), **offered at substantial reductions.**

MILLINERY

ALL MODEL HATS AND COPIES of same reduced to **EXACTLY HALF-PRICE.**

VELOUR AND FELT HATS similarly marked down.

SPECIAL LINE OF FELT HATS reduced from 21/- to **10/6**



SMART COAT IN FACECLOTH, trimmed Foxaline, lined throughout with art silk. In Brown, Navy, and Black. Regular price, 6½ guineas. Sale Price ..... **5½ GNS.**



SEQUIN TRIANGLES (as sketch), White and Coloured Net ground, suitable for shoulder or head wear. Usual Prices, 17/6 to 35/- each. Sale Offer, 12/11 and **8/11**

ENTIRE STOCK OF PLAIN AND EMBROIDERED SHAWLS ALL SPECIALLY REDUCED FOR SALE.

PRINTED CREPE-DE-CHINE SCARVES, with or without pointed ends, in various designs and colourings. Usually 6/11, 8/11 and 12/6. Sale Prices, each, 5/11, 4/11. Also in large size, 8/11. **3/11**

WOVEN ART. SILK SCARVES (as sketch), two yards long and 18 inches wide, in Light Amethyst, Dark Amethyst, Nigger, Jade, Lemon, Tomato, Peacock, Navy, Grey. Usual Value, 5/11 each. Sale **2/6**

OVERALLS

THE FAMOUS "ADMIRALTY" CLOTH COAT OVERALL, in Black, White, Navy, Brown, Saxe, Champagne, Grey, Green, Rose. Usually 7/11. Sale Offer. **6/6**

500 LARGE AFTERNOON APRONS, good quality lawn, and nicely embroidered; very slightly soiled at fold. Usually 3/11 to 5/6 each. Sale Offer..... **2/6**

ODDMENTS IN TEA APRONS AND CAPS, of all descriptions, much reduced during Sale.

UMBRELLAS

LADIES' BLACK CHUBBY UMBRELLAS, good frames and covers. Usually sold at 12/11 each. Sale Offer **8/11**

THE ENTIRE STOCK OF BLACK AND COLOURED UMBRELLAS, also Fancy Covers, **CONSIDERABLY REDUCED DURING SALE.**

LACES

2 DOZ. LACE TUNICS, in shades of Pink, Blue, Helio, Sand and Beige. Specially reduced. Usual Price, 17/6 each. Sale Price **10/6**

GEORGETTE FLOUNCING, 45 ins. wide, with fancy lace border. Shades—Ivory, Pink, Blue, Helio, Champagne and Green. Usual Price, 15/6 per yard. Sale Price **12/11**

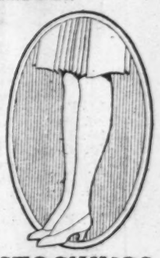
SILK NET, 56 ins. wide, with graduated stripe. In Rose, Pink, Helio, Saxe, Apricot, Green and Black. Usual Price, 7/6 per yard. Reduced to **5/11**

CIRE LACE FLOUNCING, 45 ins. wide, with frills. In Black, Paris and Rose Beige. Usual Price, 14/6 per yard. Sale Price **11/9**

HUNDREDS OF REMNANTS of all kinds of Laces, Frillings and Embroideries, also Made-up Neckwear, at greatly reduced prices.

FLOWERS

ENTIRE STOCK OF FLOWERS CONSIDERABLY REDUCED.



STOCKINGS

PURE SILK HOSE, with mercerised toes, heels, and short suspender top. In beautiful shades as worn, 8½, 9, 9½, 10 ins. Usual Price, 4/11 per pair. Sale Price **3/11½**

PURE SILK HOSE, with "Point" heel, fine mercerised toe, heel, and short suspender top. Can be had in the newest medium and dark shades, also Pink, Gold, and Silver, 8½, 9, 9½, 10 ins. Usual price, 7/11 per pair. Sale Price **6/11½**

FINE GAUZE WOOL UNDER HOSE, perfectly seamless. Flesh colour only. "Seconds," very slightly imperfect, 8½ to 9½ ins. Usual price, 3/11 per pair. Special Sale Price **1/11½**

MANY INTERESTING ODD LOTS OF STOCKINGS in Ladies' and Children's sizes at Special Sale Prices.

COMBINATIONS

160 DOZ. RIBBED PURE WOOL COMBINATIONS, with low neck, no sleeves, neck and armhole finished French hem, Women's and O.S. Usual price, 9/11 and 10/11. Sale **8/11** and **9/11** Price.....

Low neck, short sleeves, 1/- extra each size.

SAMPLES—ABOUT 500 GARMENTS, including Ladies' and Children's Combinations and Vests, also Ladies' Knickers. Reduced to **nearly Half Price.**



VESTS

LADIES' RIBBED PURE WOOL CHEM. VESTS, 40" long, Opera top, White only. Very warm and light. Usual price, 7/6. Sale Price ..... **6/6½** each.

LADIES' RIBBED WOOL CHEM. VESTS, in White or Pink, Opera top, closely fitting and warm. Sale Price, each **3/6½**



LADIES' FINE WOOL CHEM VESTS, 2/1 rib, as illustration, Coral, Cerise, or Mauve stripe around top. Usual price, 7/11 each. Sale Price **6/11½**

Knickers to match at same price.

BEAUTIFUL BLACK COATS FOR MATRONS, trimmed Skunk Collar and lined throughout. Regular Prices, 6½ Gns. to 30 Gns. Special Sale Prices 5½ GNS to **£25**

LARGE STOCK OF SMART LEATHER AND SUEDE COATS in the latest shades, **SUBSTANTIALLY MARKED DOWN IN PRICE.**

SPECIAL OFFERS IN COSTUME GALLERY

Large Selection of **CHARMING EVENING GOWNS** in Net, Georgette and Taffeta. Sale Prices from ..... **2½ GNS.**

SMART TWO-PIECE SUITS in Beige, from ..... **3½ GNS.**
(Navy and Black also greatly reduced.)

STOCKINETTE GOWNS AND JUMPER SUITS, substantially marked down in price. Sale Prices from **25/-**

THREE-PIECE STOCKINETTE JUMPER SUITS from **£2 10 0**

50 VOILE AND COTTON GOWNS, suitable for wearing abroad. Special Sale Prices from **7/6**

ABOUT 35 COAT FROCKS in all colours, from **22/6**
(Navy and Black also marked down.)

SMART TWEED COATS AND SKIRTS, from ..... **2½ GNS.**

ALL COATS AT REDUCED PRICES

1,000 TAILORED COATS in newest shapes, Plain and Fur-trimmed, in Tweeds and Cloth, marked at **VERY SPECIAL SALE PRICES.**

SWITZERS FULL COLLECTION OF FRENCH MODELS and Fur-trimmed Copies of same will be offered at greatly reduced price during the Sale. Regular Prices ..... 67 to 18 Gns. Sale Prices ..... **£4 TO £10**

BEAUTIFUL BLACK COATS FOR MATRONS, trimmed Skunk Collar and lined throughout. Regular Prices, 6½ Gns. to 30 Gns. Special Sale Prices 5½ GNS to **£25**

LARGE STOCK OF SMART LEATHER AND SUEDE COATS in the latest shades, **SUBSTANTIALLY MARKED DOWN IN PRICE.**

A WIDE, ROOMY COAT IN TWEED, which is ideal for travelling. In shades of Brown and Grey, finished with patch pockets and belt. Half-lined. Regular price, 6½ guineas. Sale Price ..... **5½ GNS.**

RELIABLE DOUBLE TEXTURE WATERPROOFS, as sketch, medium weight, Belted, Double Breasted, vent at back. Shades: Fawn, Grey and Brown. Regular Price, 35/-. Sale Price **29/6**

THE "SWITZERMAC" FEATHERWEIGHT RAINCOAT, guaranteed waterproof and available in many shades. Sale Prices, D.B. 27/6, S.B. **23/6**

MANY OTHER ATTRACTIVE WATERPROOFS at tempting price reductions.

DRESS GOODS

Many at Unrepeatable Prices

200 Yards of Tweed, in assorted styles. Plain, Check, Border and Chevron. Former prices, 8/11 and 10/6 per yard. All Reduced to **4/11**

500 Yards of Tweed, including Irish Hand-woven, Plaid, Chevron, Diagonal and Bayadere Stripes. 54in. wide. Formerly 10/6 and 12/6 per yard. Sale Price **5/11**

Fancy Velour. Neat patterns. Check, Reversible Check and Plain, Melange and Jersey styles. Former prices, 12/6 and 14/6 per yard. Sale Price **9/11**

Saxony Suitings. For Spring Costumes or Coats. Various designs and colours. 54in. wide. Former prices, 8/11, 10/6 per yard. Sale Price **5/11**

Irish, Harris, Cumberland and Haddington Tweeds at Reduced Prices.

Wool Crepe-de-Chine. For Frocks. All Colours, also Black. Ordinary prices, 4/11, 5/11, 7/6, 10/6 per yard. Sale Price from **4/-**

Materials for Jumpers, including Stripe and Plain Tinsel Cloths, Stripe Stockinette and Jersey Cloth. Former prices, 7/6 to 12/6 per yard. Sale Prices ... **4/11 and 5/11**

Black Materials of Every Description for Frocks, Costumes and Coats, at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Satin Art Silk. Ideal for Lingerie, 36in. wide. Shades—Pink, Sky, Mauve, Beige, White, Eau de Nil, Navy. Sale Price... **1/10**

Fancy Art Silk. New Chintz and Pompadour styles. Great assortment of Colours, also Stripes. Ordinary price, 3/6 per yard. Sale Price .. **2/11**

Overall Prints. Spot Chintz and Floral patterns. Double width. Sale Price yard ..... **1/0½ and 1/3**

Fancy Velveteen. For Bridge Coats, Frocks etc. Sale Price, per yard **3/11**

Zenana Cloth. Sky Pink, Rose, Helio. Sale Prices from **3/11**

REMNANTS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, both wool and cotton, in colours and black, will be sold at Half Price.

SILK FABRICS

A Few of the Wonderful Offers

SATIN BEAUTE AND ART SATIN, in Black, Ivory and all leading shades. Usual price, 6/11 to 12/11 per yard. Sale Prices, **5/6** to **11/6**

SPECIAL OFFER OF ALL-SILK CREPE-DE-CHINE in a reliable quality. Double width. Usual prices, 6/11 to 9/11 per yard. Sale Prices ... **5/11** to **7/11**

PRINTED AND PLAIN ART SILK, splendid selection. Double width. Usual prices, 3/11 to 4/11 per yard. All reduced to one price. **2/11½**

GEORGETTE, in a heavy, dependable quality. All fashionable shades available. Double width. Usually 8/11 to 10/6 per yard. Sale Prices **6/6** to **7/11**

ALL-SILK TAFFETAS, in Black, Ivory, and all popular shades. A delightfully soft quality, and most reliable. Width 36/38 inches. Regular prices, 4/11 to 8/11 per yard. Sale Price, **3/11** to **6/6**

CHIFFON VELVET—A thoroughly good quality, in Black, Ivory, and many shades. Width 36/38 inches. Usual prices, 9/11 to 12/11 per yard. All reduced to one price... **8/11**

PRINTED RING AND CHIFFON VELVET, in wide range of new shades and designs. Regular prices, 25/11 to 29/11 per yard. Sale Prices **12/11** to **24/11**

JAPANESE SILK in Black, Ivory, and leading shades of the season. 36 inches wide. Usually 5/11 per yard. Sale Price..... **3/3**

REVE-DE-SOIE AND SILK LONGCLOTH for Lingerie and Frocks in a big range of lovely shades. All pure silk and 36 inches wide. Usual prices, 5/11 to 6/11. Sale Prices, **5/6** to **5/11**

ODD LENGTHS AND REMNANTS of all classes of Silk Fabrics (plain and Printed) will be displayed on Tables at Silk Dept., marked in most cases at under cost price.

TEMPTING OFFERS IN HABERDASHERY

CAP-SHAPED HAIR NETS for Bobbed Hair. Best quality. Sale Price, 5/3 doz., or, each, **5½D.**

FRINGE HAIR NETS—Our best quality. Sale Price, 3/9 doz., or, each ..... **4D.**

"OLD TIMES" NEEDLE CASES, fitted with flannel leaves, containing all kinds of needles. Sale Price, each **1/4½**

FINE QUALITY INDIA TAPE—Bundle of 12 pieces; assorted widths. 3½ yards each. Sale Price **1/9**

ORIENTAL CREPE COVERED COAT HANGERS—Usual price, 10½d. Sale Price, each ..... **6½D.**

VOILE COVERED HANGERS—Usual price, 1/3. Sale Price each ..... **10½D.**



LADIES' WINCEYETTE NIGHTDRESSES, as illustration in shades of Peach, Pink, Blue, with contrasting binding and embroidery; women's size. Sale Price ... **4/3**

Outsize **5/6**

LADIES' full size SCOTCH WINCEY NIGHTDRESSES. Sale Price, each **8/11**

TWILFIT CORSELET, as sketch, made in strong Pink material, fitted with under belt and 2 pairs of good hose suspenders. Sale Price **16/6**

ODDMENTS IN CORSETS AND UNDERCLOTHING marked down to half price.

RIPPLE CLOTH DRESSING GOWNS.—An excellent selection, as illustration, embroidered in pretty colours. Full sizes in various shades. Original Price, 15/11. Reduced to **12/11**

MANY OTHER DRESSING GOWNS at greatly reduced prices.

RIPPLE CLOTH AND PADDED SILK DRESSING JACKETS at Bargain Prices.

BARGAINS IN LINGERIE & CORSETS

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